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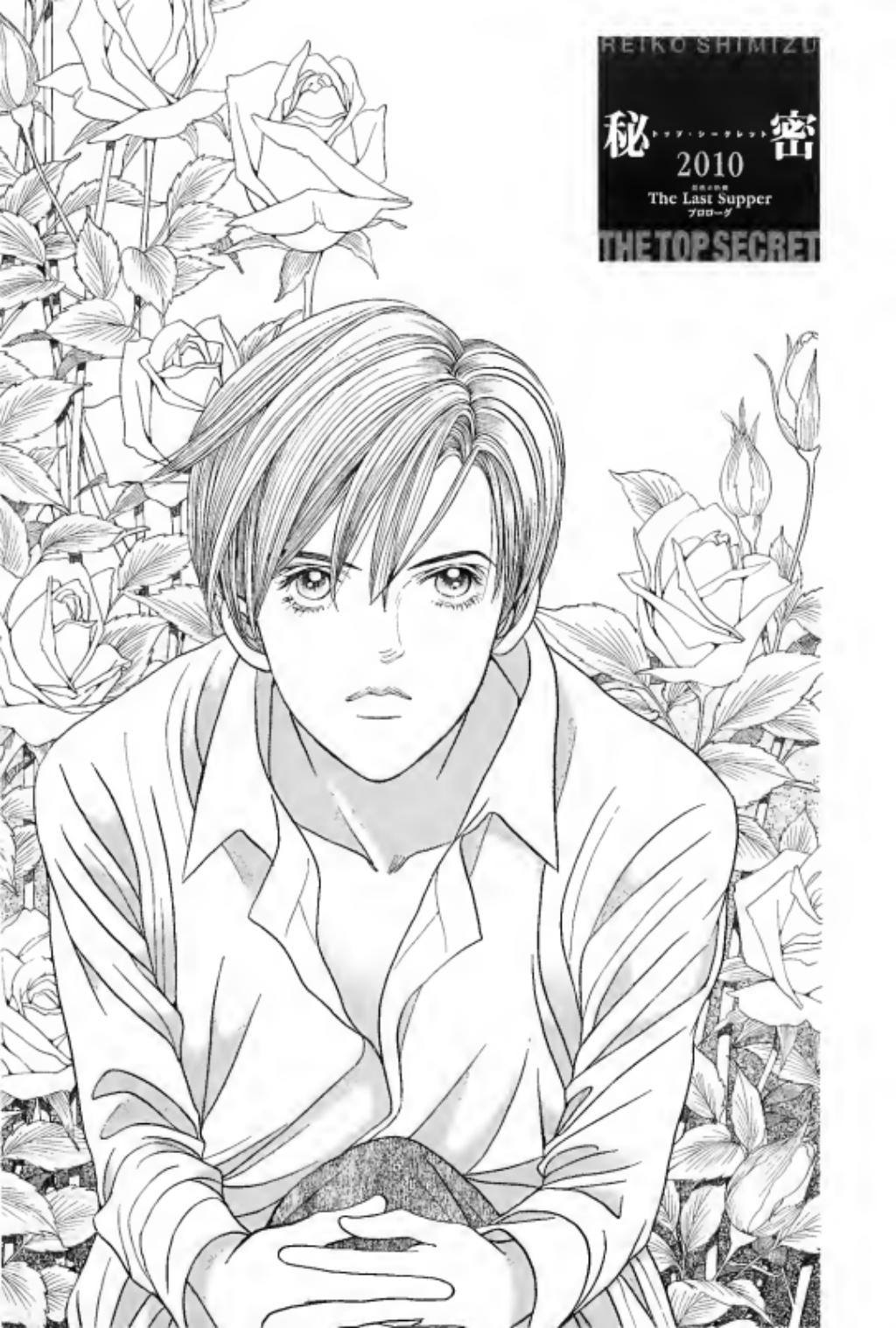
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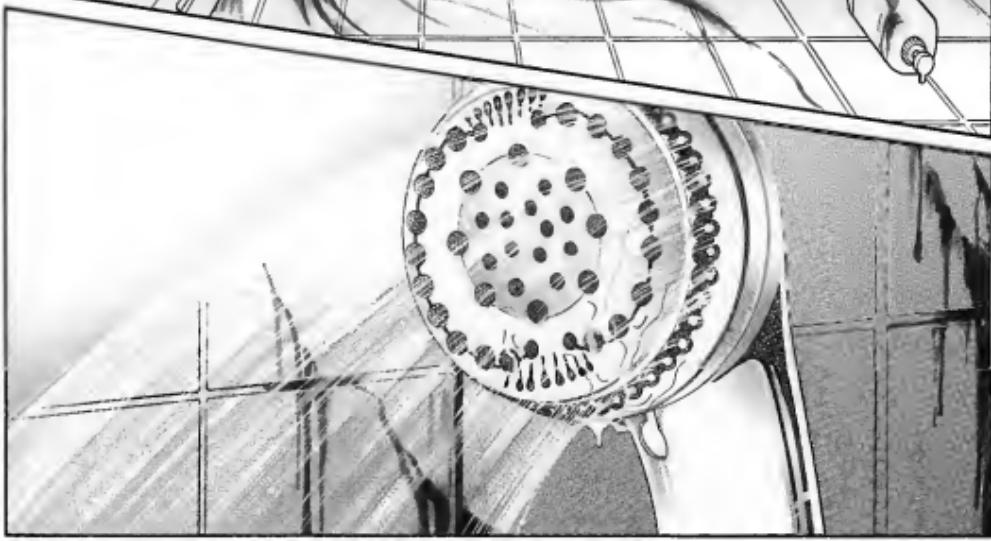
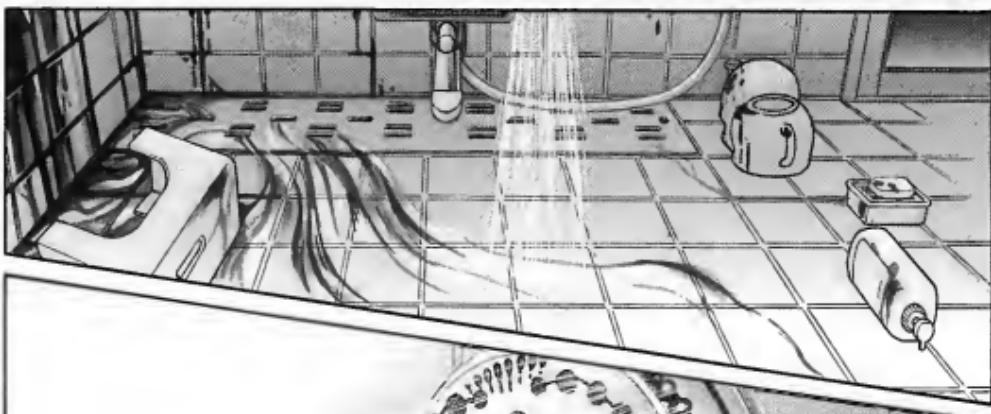
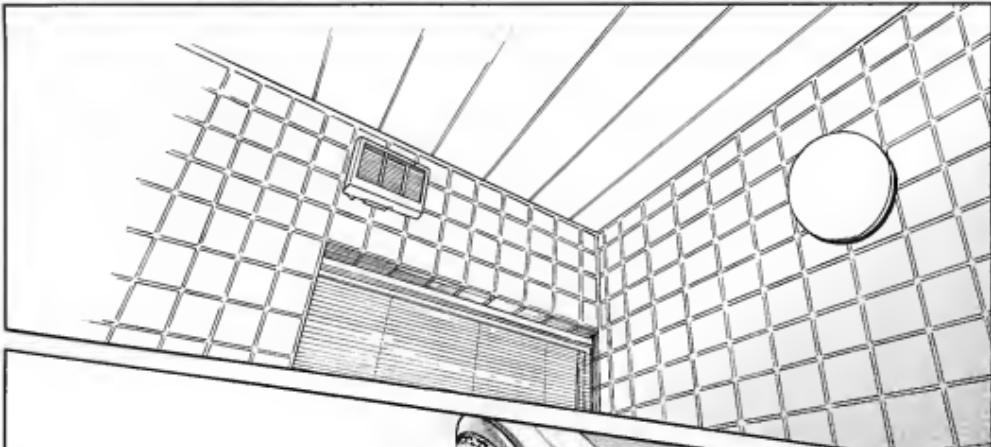


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...WOULD PROBABLY HATE IT AFTER ALL... THAT HER 24 YEARS OLD ELITE SON CHOSE A FULL TWELVE YEARS OLDER WOMAN SMELLING LIKE CORPSES AS A PARTNER.

I MEAN,
NORMALLY
A MOTHER
...

JUST
...

I'M
PROBABLY
JUST
WORRYING
AS MUCH
AS ANYONE...



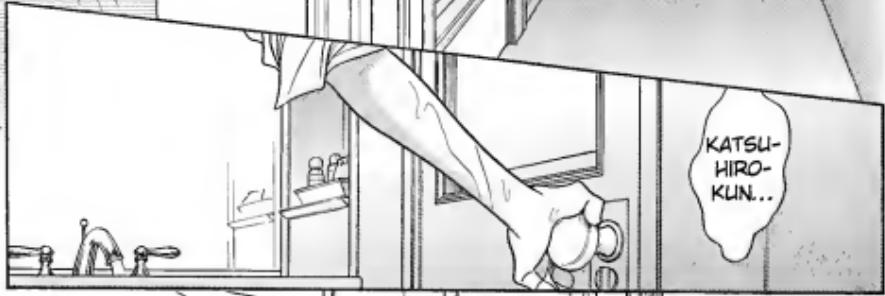


SHE'LL LIKE
YOU FOR
SURE!

IT'S OK
IF IT'S YOU,
YUKIKO-SAN!











'THE NINTH'S MAIN COMPUTER IS CONNECTED TO THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY AND METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, IT'S POSSIBLE TO OVERSEE AND MONITOR THE STATE OF THE INVESTIGATION FROM THESE TWO PLACES.'



UPON BROWSING
A TRACE IS LEFT
IN OUR SYSTEM.
THE INTRUDER
MUST'VE BEEN
AWARE OF THAT
BUT...

TWICE—
I STILL DON'T
KNOW WHERE
FROM, BUT
WE'VE BEEN
INTRUDED ON
TWICE.

STRICTLY

NONETHLESS
THEY TRIED.
STRANGELY, THE
FIRST ATTEMPT
WAS A FAILURE.
WHY DO YOU
THINK THAT IS,
MAKI-SAN?

...

.....



THE
PASSWORD,

IT WAS
OLD.

A
ghost...

IT'S FROM BEFORE
THE KAINUMA CASE,
BEFORE OKABE-SAN
OR SOGA AND
KOIKE... BEFORE ANY
OF THE CURRENT
MEMBERS JOINED.

FROM
THE YEAR
2058-2059
WAS USED.

Papyrus

IT'S FROM
THE TIME
SUZUKI-SAN AND
THE OTHERS
WERE STILL
ALIVE.



A ghost
is trying
to
crush
my
heart
...







CHECK? CHECK WHAT?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE
GOING TO THE NATIONAL
POLICE AGENCY...
ANYWAY I'LL DRIVE SO...





...DO YOU
THINK
I'M GONNA
ALWAYS
OBEY EVERY
WORD YOU SAY
SILENTLY...?!



THEN WHY
ARE YOU...

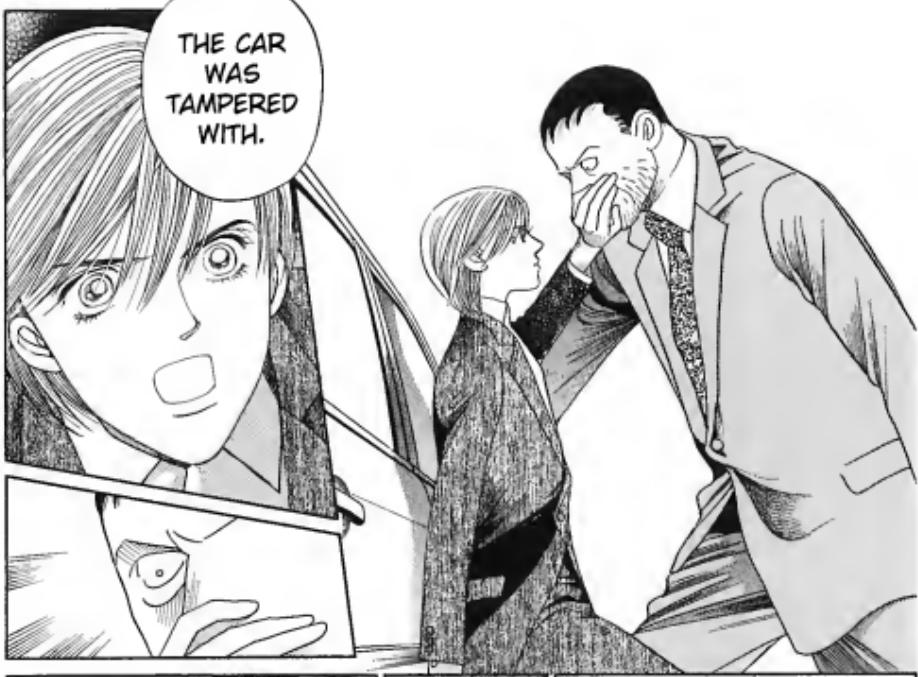


YOU TOLD ME TO
'HAVE SOME
MORE TRUST
IN MY SUB-
ORDINATES'
YOURSELF,
RIGHT?



NEVER
TRUSTING
ME
WITH...

THE CAR
WAS
TAMPERED
WITH.



THERE ARE
TRACES
SOMEONE
ELSE OPENED
IT...

AND
THERE ARE
FOOTPRINTS
OTHER THAN
MY OWN.

THE
DRIVER'S
SEAT IS
MOVED BACK
MORE THAN
WHEN I
LEFT IT.





Click







AH, HE'S A
MEMBER OF
'THE NINTH',
LET HIM IN.

IMAI-
SAN!!

AN ID
PLEASE!



HE'S FINE,
HE'S JUST
SLEEPING
AFTER A
SEDATIVE.

THAT
SHOULD
BE
ENOUGH.

HE'LL BE EXAMINED, AND IF THERE ARE NO ABNORMALITIES HE'LL BE FINE TO GET BACK TO INVESTIGATION RIGHT AWAY. OKABE-SAN ONLY HAD MINOR INJURY TO HIS HAND,

T...
That's...
I

APART FROM SLIGHT SUFFOCATION AFTER BEING SQUASHED UNDER OKABE-SAN, HE HAS NO EXTERNAL INJURIES.

WAS HE INJURED?

AND NOW HE'S TAKING PART IN INSPECTING THE CRIME SCENE BY HIS OWN WISH.



DESPITE THE SCALE OF THE EXPLOSION, THANKFULLY THERE ARE NO CASUALTIES.

KEEP OUT

KEEP OUT

JUST WHAT...



WHAT ON
EARTH IS
THIS?



BEFORE,

...BUT
FOR
SOME-
ONE TO
PLANT
EXPLO-
SIVES
IN HIS
CAR
IS....!!

IT WAS
SCATTERING
ANIMAL
REMAINS OR
BREAKING
WINDOW
GLASS
AT MOST
THOUGH...



MAKI SAN WAS
SAYING THAT HE
WAS BEING
INTIMIDATED,
IMAI-SAN... THAT
HE WAS TARGETED
WITH THREATS.





IF THE RANGE IS
SMALL, IT'S THE
FRACTION THAT
WANTS TO INFILTRATE
LETHAL DAMAGE
AND CUT OFF
JUST MY HEAD TO
LATER EXTRACT
NECESSARY MRI
DATA FROM MY
BRAIN.

IF THE BOMB'S
DESTRUCTION
RANGE IS
BIG IT'S THE
FRACTION THAT
WANTS TO
OBLITERATE THE
SECRETS ALONG
WITH ME.

SINCE THIS TIME
IT WAS A BIG
SCALE, IT'S THE
'OBLITERATE'
ONE.

THAT
THEY'VE
...

MAKI-
SAN!

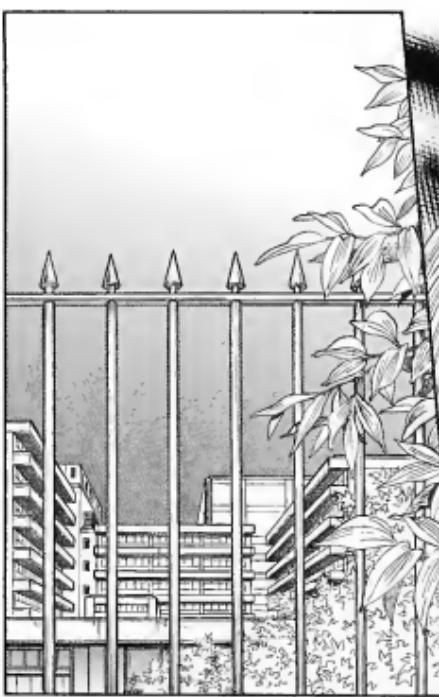
OR A
GREETING...
THAT
INFORMATION
LEAK TOO.

BLIT FOR
THEM, IT
WAS QUITE
SLOPPY, SO
IT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
MERELY A
WARNING—





CAME BACK
FROM THAT
WORLD.





WE ARE
TERRIBLY
SORRY,

Visitation Request Form



IN THE
THREE
YEARS SINCE
HE'S BEEN
ADMITTED,

BUT PERSONAL
VISITATIONS ARE
FORBIDDEN TO
THIS PATIENT.
PLEASE TRY
AGAIN WHEN HIS
STATE GETS
BETTER.

I'D RATHER
NOT TAKE
IT TO THE
DIRECTOR.

I HAVEN'T
BEEN
GRANTED A
VISIT EVEN
ONCE, NO
MATTER
HOW MANY
TIMES I
COME HERE.



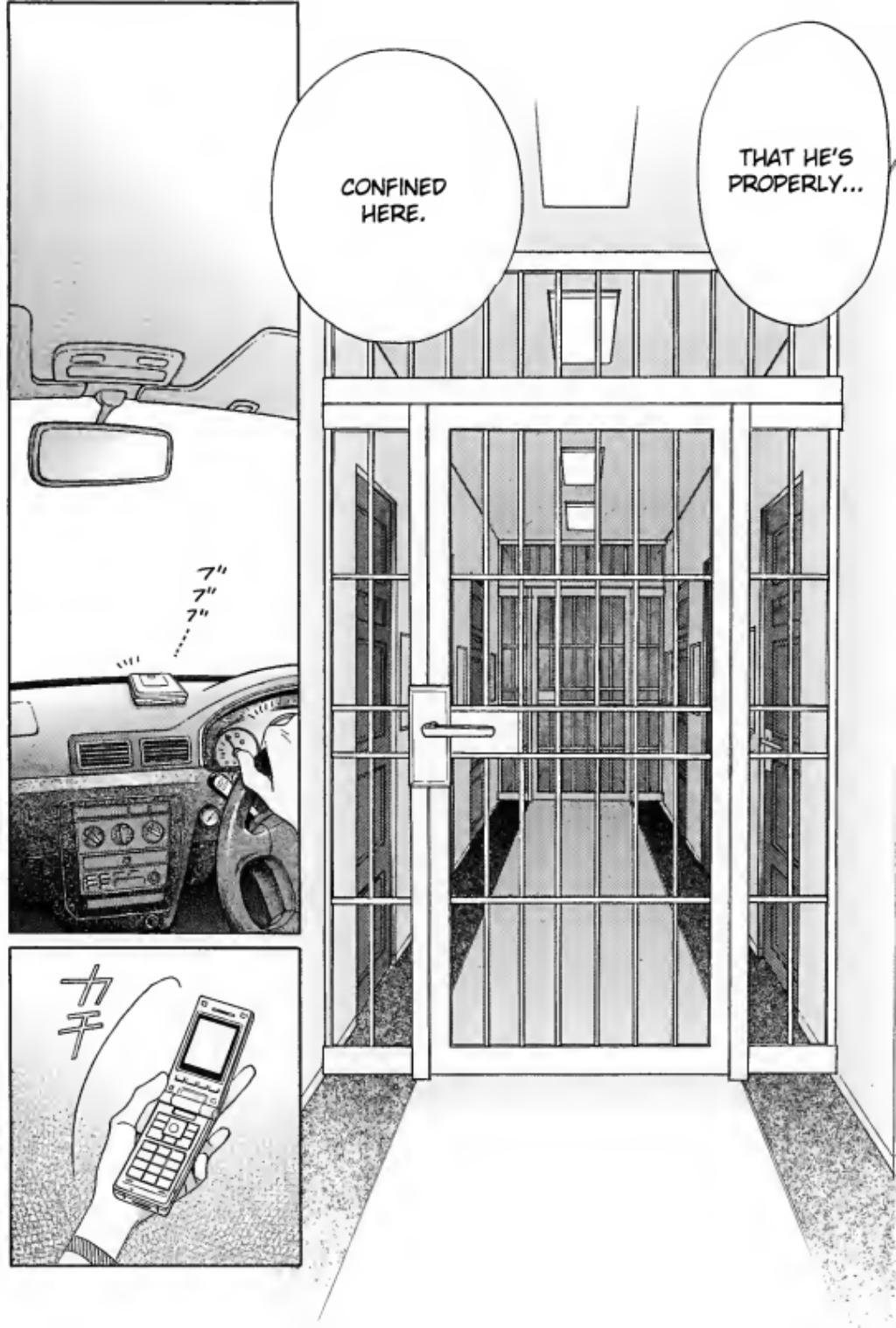


I JUST WANT
TO MAKE SURE.

Psychiatric Closed
Ward

THAT HE
REALLY IS...

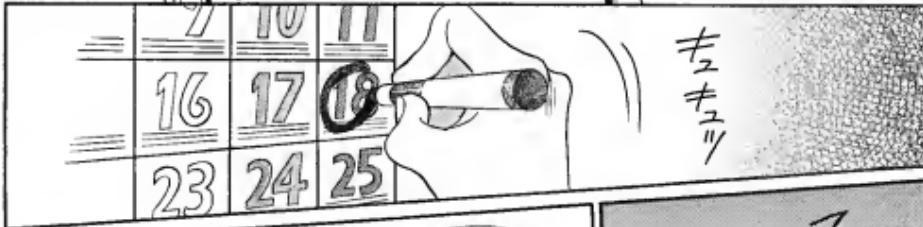
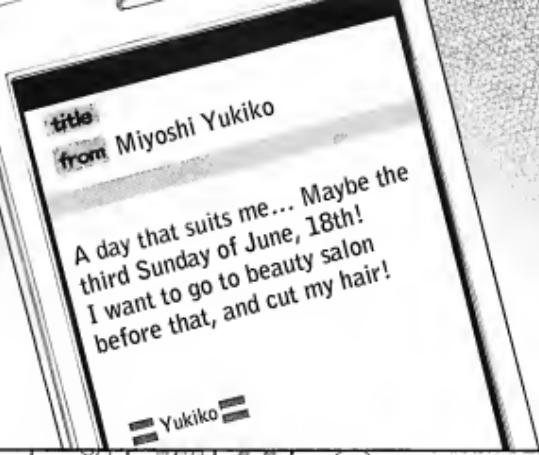
IN THIS
BUILDING.



CONFINED
HERE.

THAT HE'S
PROPERLY...





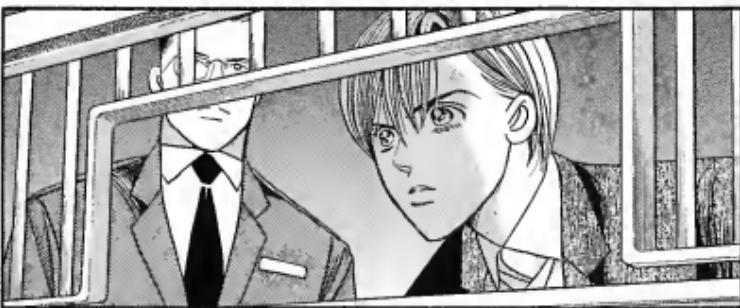
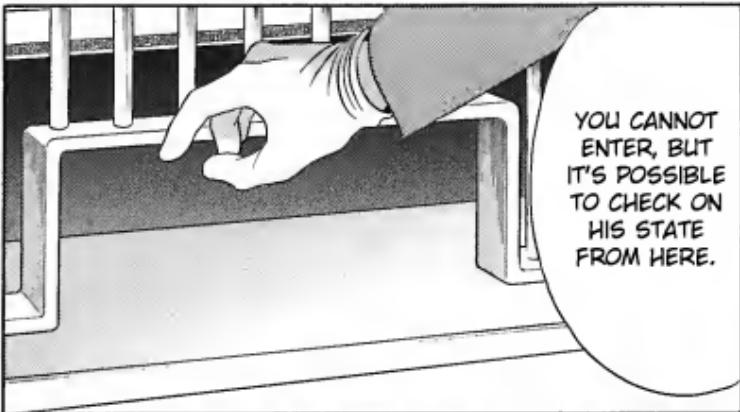
WILL I BE
ALRIGHT...

I
WONDER.



IT'S
HERE.

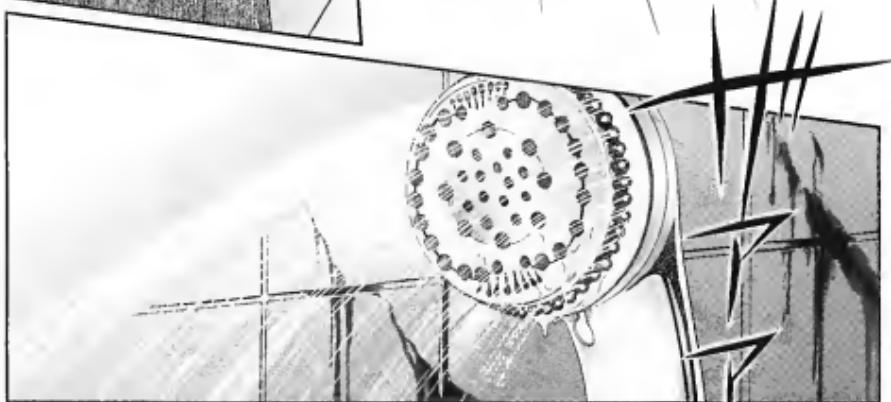
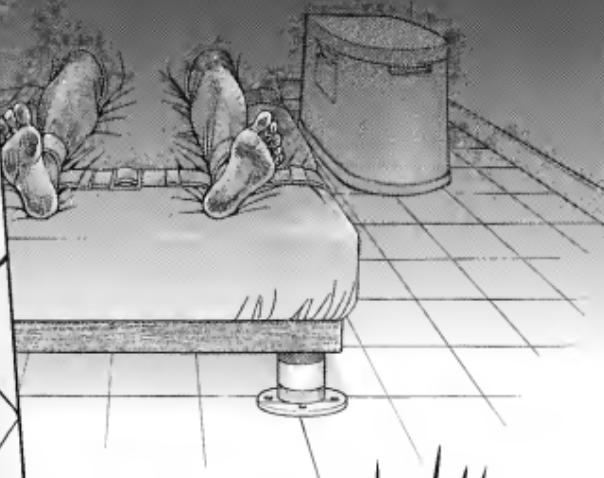


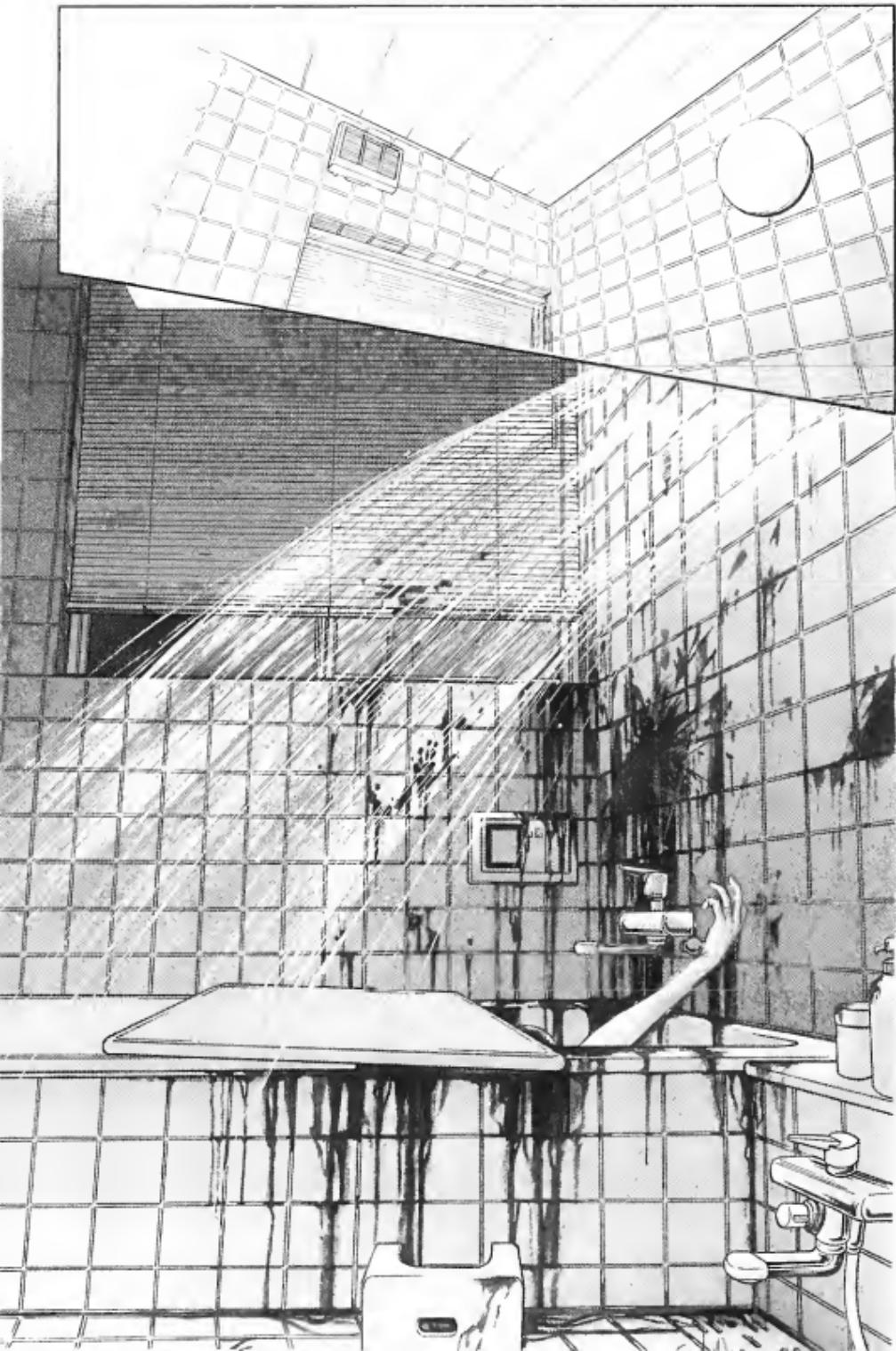




TAKIZAWA

...





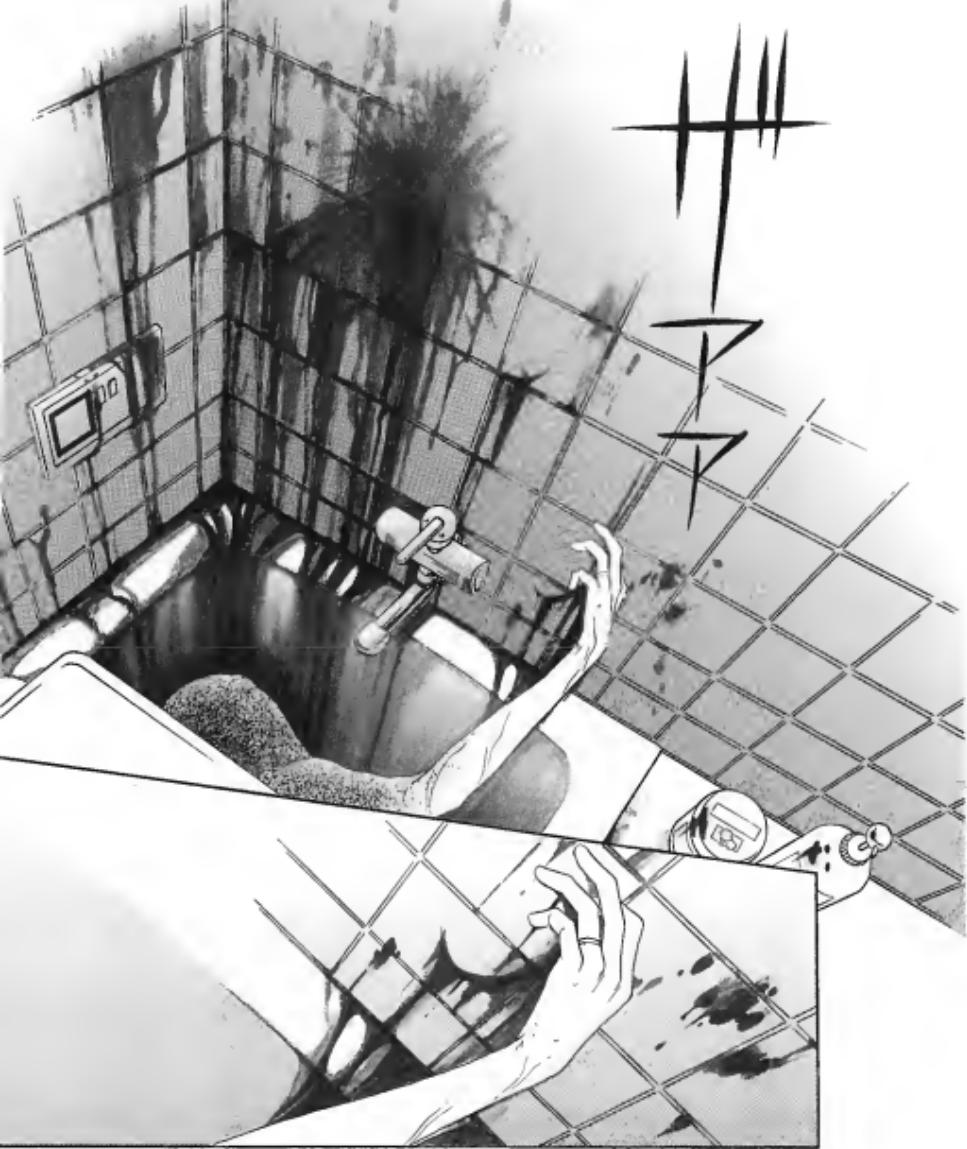


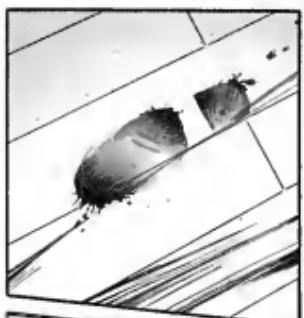
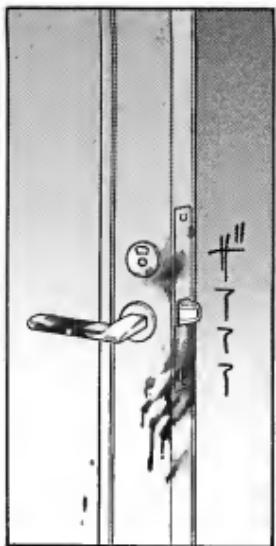
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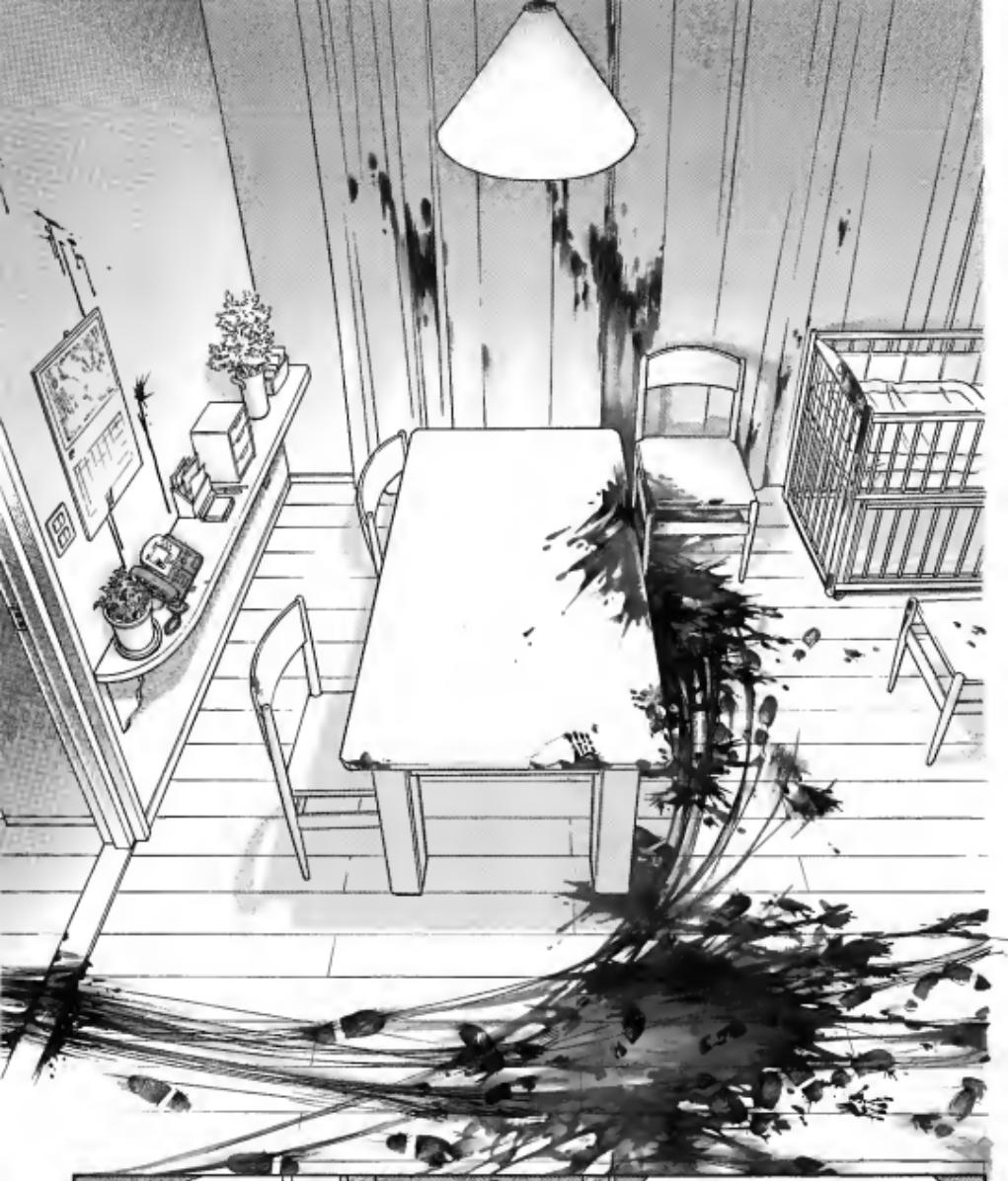
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SHE'S COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT! OUR
TASTES AND ALL!
MY MOM WEARS
SWEATPANTS ALL
YEAR!

HEY, WHAT DO YOU
THINK WILL BE
GOOD? YOU THINK I
SHOULD WEAR
KIMONO AFTER
ALL?

NO, GIVE
IT UP
WITH THE
KIMONO,
YOU'RE
WORKING
YOURSELF
UP TOO
MUCH, AND
IT PULLS
TOO MUCH
ATTENTION
...

YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT!

ISN'T THAT NICE?
IT'S HIGH TIME...
AH, BUT I SAW
AOKI-SAN'S
MOTHER ONCE
LONG TIME AGO—
SHE'S ALWAYS
WEARING KIMONO
AND HAS THAT
UPTIGHT FEELING
ABOUT HER...

Aoki gave up
his free day.

...What
kind of
clothes
do you
have...?

BUT I DON'T
WANNA LOOK
LIKE I'M
PICKING A
FIGHT ON
OUR FIRST
MEETING!

ISN'T IT FINE WITH YOUR
REGULAR INTIMIDATING
STYLE? YOU'RE BOUND
TO SHOW YOUR TRUE
COLORS SOMEDAY
ANYWAY, SO THERE'S
NO POINT IN MAKING
UP APPEARANCES...

DOCTOR,

...

...

...

AAH, IT'S
A DRAG...
THAT'S WHY
SOMETHING
MORE
TONED
DOWN IS...

AH,
NOTHING,
JUST
THAT
MAN
KEPT
STARING
AT YOU
...

MM,
RIGHT~

whoa, that's
pricey! what
a rip off!

THEY
WON'T!

AND WHAT IF
AOKI-SAN'S FAMILY
IS IN FACT SOME
REAL BIG DEAL
IN KYUSHU'S
FINANCIAL WORLD
AND THEY'D HIRE
A DETECTIVE TO
INVESTIGATE HIS
POTENTIAL
PARTNER'S LINEAGE
OR SOMETHING?

HIS
FATHER
WAS A LOCAL
GOVERN-
MENT
EMPLOYEE.

EH?

WHY?



HUH, IT'S WEIRD...
SINCE IT'S RARE
FOR A GUY TO BE
CHECKING YOU OUT
IN A WOMEN'S
CLOTHING SECTION
I WAS SURE IT
WAS SOMEONE
FROM A DETECTIVE
AGENCY...

HE WAS REAALY
TALL! ALMOST
LIKE AOKI-SAN!



THE
REMAINING
ONE,

DURING THE KAINUMA CASE THERE WERE FOUR INVESTIGATION MEMBERS APART FROM MAKI-SAN. OF THEM, SUZUKI KATSUHIRO (33 YEARS OLD), TOYOMURA MASANORI (26 YEARS OLD) AND HENO YOSHIOMI (28 YEARS OLD), THE THREE OF THEM DIED DURING THE INVESTIGATION.

CURRENTLY HE'S ON A TEMPORARY RETIREMENT, SO FOR OUR HR HE'S STILL ENLISTED TO 'THE NINTH'—

WELL, THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS HOSPITALIZATION ARE A LONG STORY... BUT HE'S PRETTY MUCH A SPECIAL CASE.

SUPERINTENDENT TAKIZAWA MIKIO (36 AT THE TIME) DEVELOPED A PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER AND WAS LONG-TERM HOSPITALIZED.

THAT MAN...
This is the last remaining living subordinate of Maki-san from the Kainuma Case.

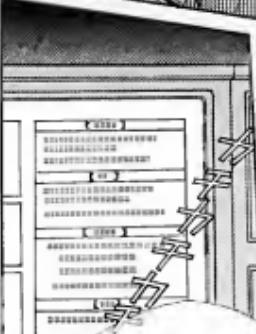
...
BUT TAKIZAWA IS RESTRICTED IN THE HOSPITAL, IT'D IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO HAVE ORCHESTRATED THE INFORMATION LEAK OR SET THE EXPLOSIVES IN THE CAR.

HE'S MOST LIKELY THE MAN MAKI-SAN WENT TO THE HOSPITAL IN IBARAKI TO CHECK UP ON UPON HEARING THAT SOMEONE USED AN OLD PASSWORD.

FEBRUARY
2058...?
AH, I SEE,

TAKIZAWA
TRANSFERRED TO
'THE NINTH' ON
FEBRUARY 2058,
SO HE WASN'T
AMONG ITS
MEMBERS AT THE
TIME OF THE
INAUGURATION
IN 2056.

I DON'T THINK
HE'S ON THE
PHOTO FROM THE
INAUGURATION...



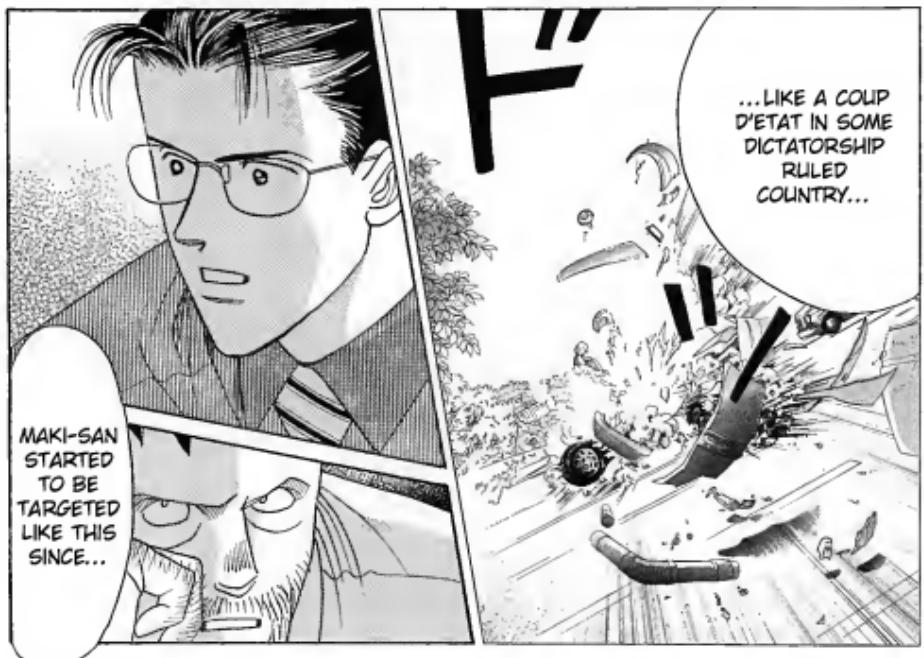
THERE IS NO
SUCH A STRANGE
NAMED CASE
IN 'THE NINTH'S
INVESTIGATION
RECORDS.

WHAT
IS IT...?



'CANNIBALISM'?





AND WAS MADE
TO INVESTIGATE
ALONE FIVE
YEARS AGO.

THE CASE
HE ALONE
WATCHED...

THE
'CANNIBALISM'
CASE.



THERE ARE
NO OFFICIAL
DOCUMENTS
REGARDING THIS
CASE, AND IT'S NOT
LISTED IN ANY
OF THE NINTH'S
RECORDS, AS IF
IT WAS NEVER
INVESTIGATED.

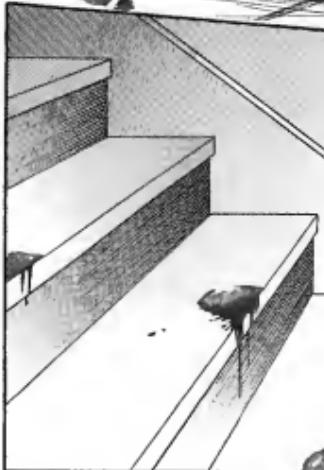
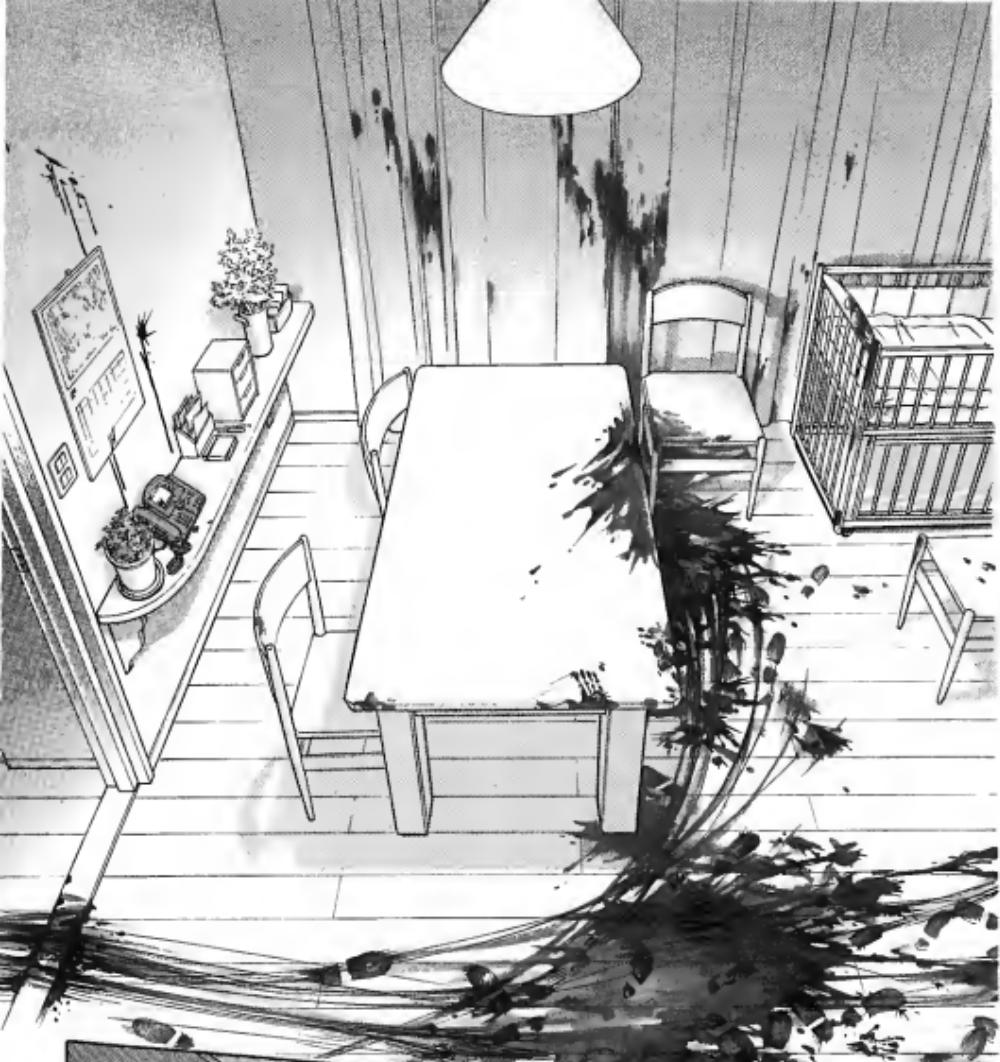
BUT THE
PEOPLE KNOWING
HIM THEN...
EVERYONE IN 'THE
NINTH' KNEW OR AT
LEAST SUSPECTED
THAT 'MAKI-SAN
WATCHED IT.'

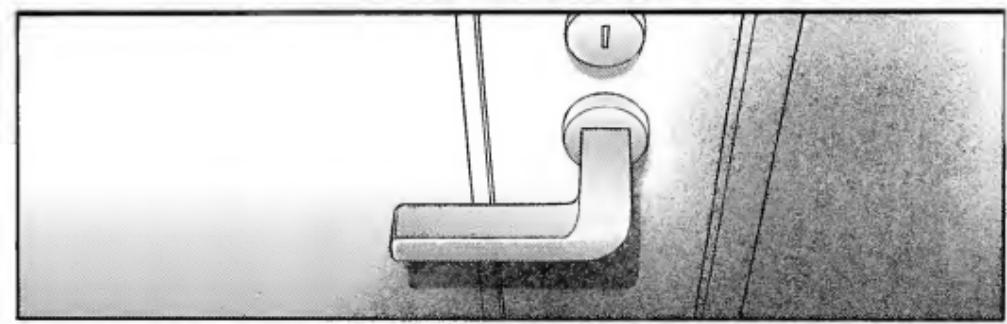
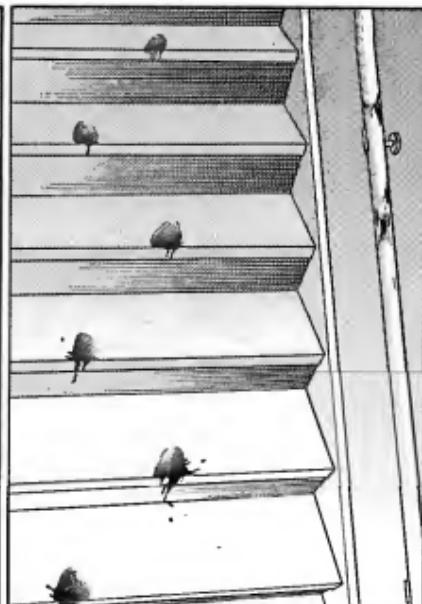
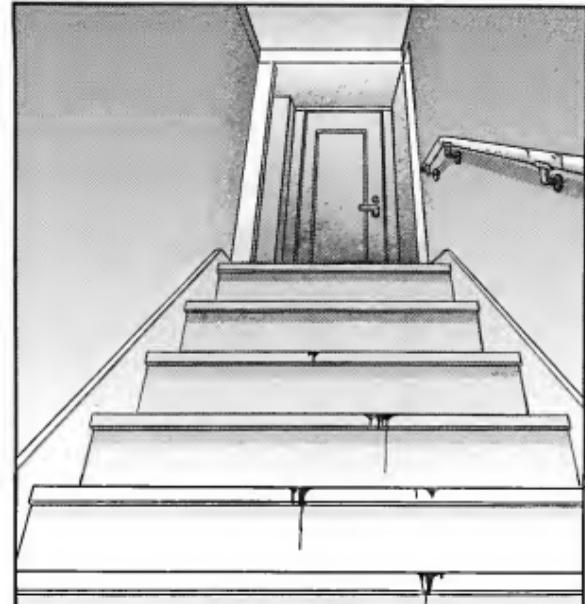
IT'S ONE
OF THE
CASES
BURIED IN
DARKNESS,

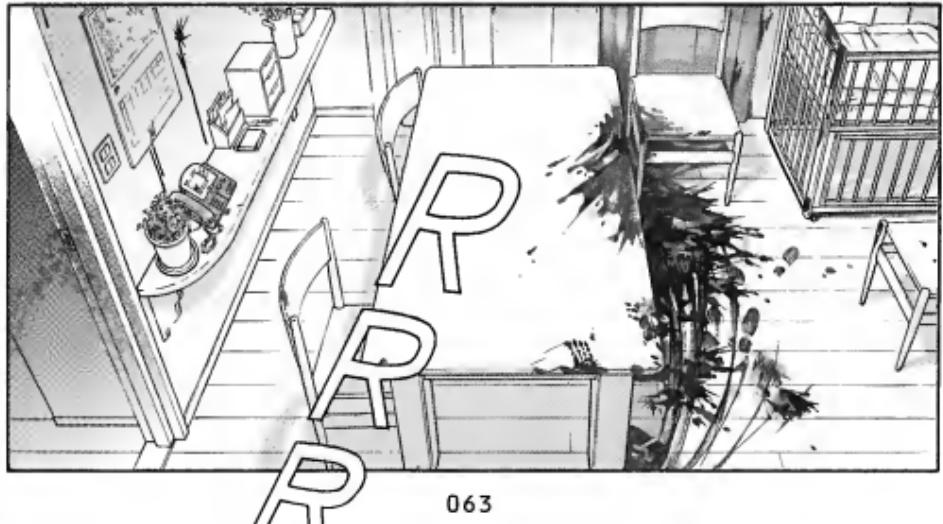
MAKI-SAN'S
LIFE.

THAT'S WHY HE'S
BEING TARGETED.

HIS
BRAIN.

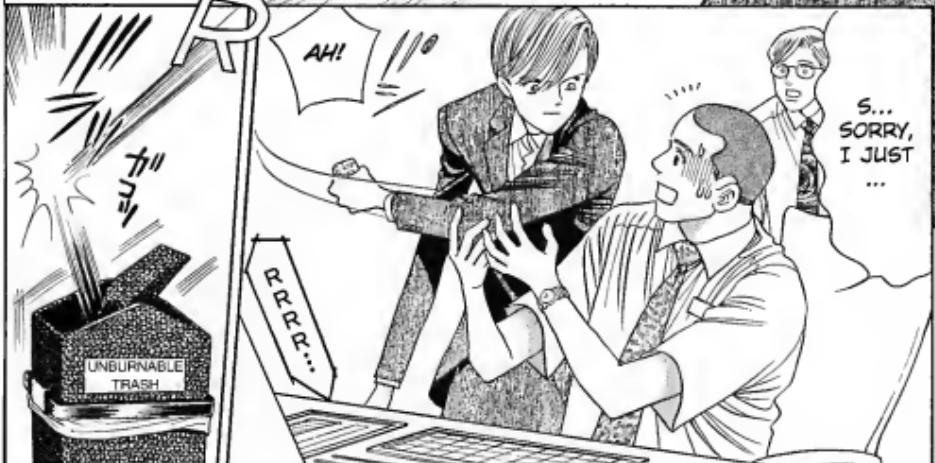








SOGA! I TOLD
YOU TO HAVE YOUR
PHONE SHUT
OFF YOUR
DURING THE
INVESTIGATION!



WHERE WHERE
ARE YOU ARE
HEADING, YOU
CHIEF? HEADING?

HEY!
THE
CHIEF IS
LEAVING
THE
BUILDING
!
TO THE
FRONT...

Got it!

AH,
Y...YES!

OKABE!! I'M
LEAVING FOR A
MEETING AT 2PM,
GATHER THE
DOCUMENTS!

RRRR

UNBURNABLE
TRASH

**SHUT IT! I'M GOING TO
THE TOILET! DON'T
STICK AND FOLLOW ME
AROUND LIKE SOME
OVERSIZED CAT IN
HEAT, IT'S ANNOYING!**

DIDN'T
MAKI-SAN
REFUSE THE
SP GUARDS?

 TOILET

Sorry
for the
sp

INSPECTOR
GENERAL'S?
THAT'S LIKE
HE'S SOME
GOVERNMENT VIP!
JUST WHAT KIND
OF SECRETS DID
MAKI-SAN SEE?

IT WAS AN
'INSPECTOR
GENERAL'S
ORDER'. IT
SEEMS EVEN
MAKI-SAN CAN'T
REFUSE THAT
AFTER ALL.

HEY! I TOLD
YOU NOT TO
FOLLOW ME TO
THE TOILET!

SORRY,

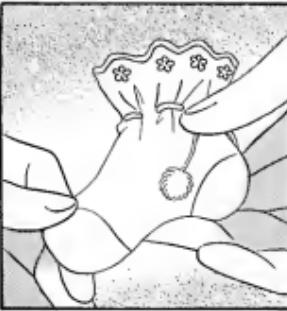
THIS WAS THE ONLY
PLACE TO TALK
WITHOUT THE SP.

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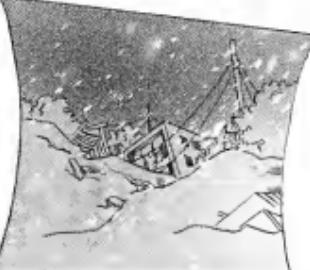
The number you are trying to reach is currently unavailable...





FIVE YEARS
AGO,

IT TOOK 10
DAYS BEFORE
THE RESCUE
FORCES MANAGED
TO ENTER
SHISHOUJIMA
WHICH SUSTAINED
A GREAT DAMAGE.



ON NOVEMBER 2057, A MAJOR
EARTHQUAKE OF 7.7 POINTS MAGNITUDE
STRUCK NEMUROOKI ON THE SOUTHERN
TIP OF HOKKAIDO. UNFORTUNATELY,
BECAUSE OF A GREAT COLD WAVE AND
HORRIBLE WEATHER THAT YEAR, THE
RESCUE OPERATIONS WERE HINDERED.

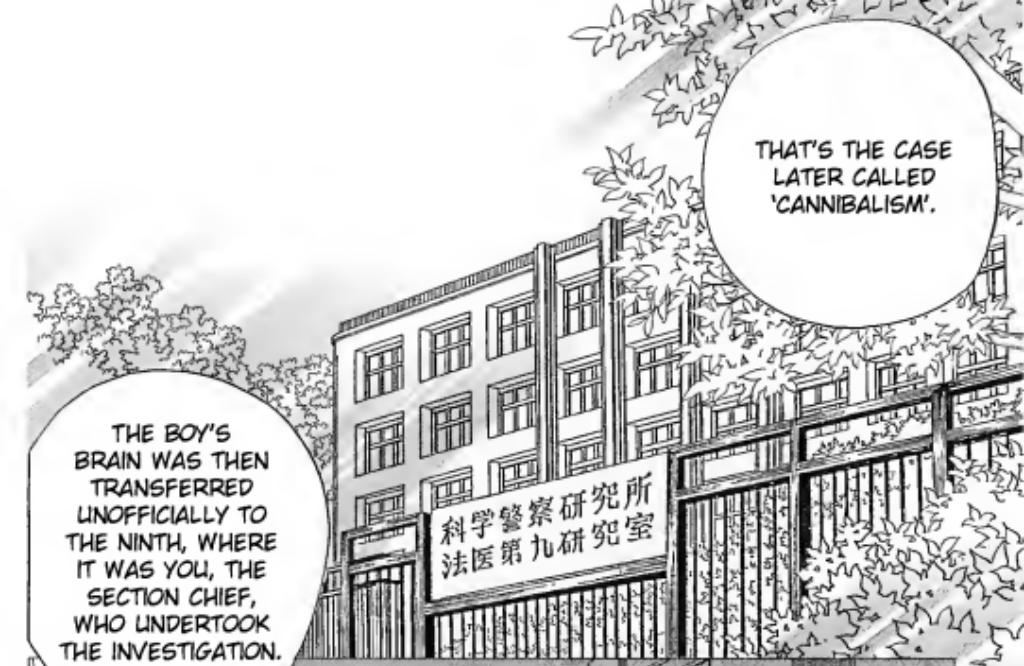
ON THE VERGE
OF DEATH THE
BOY CONFESSED
TO THE DOCTOR:



ON THE TWELFTH DAY FROM
THE DISASTER OUTBREAK,
18 BODIES OF PATIENTS WERE
DISCOVERED IN THE RUINS OF
A COMPLETELY COLLAPSED
HOSPITAL BUILDING. SINCE
THE BODIES HAD MANY
WOUNDS UNNATURAL FOR
THE RESULTS OF AN
EARTHQUAKE, THE SOLE
SURVIVING BOY WAS
ASKED ABOUT THEM.

*'I survived by
eating the
other patients.'*

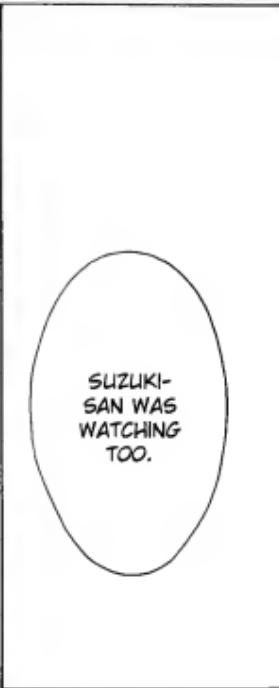




THE BOY'S
BRAIN WAS THEN
TRANSFERRED
UNOFFICIALLY TO
THE NINTH, WHERE
IT WAS YOU, THE
SECTION CHIEF,
WHO UNDERTOOK
THE INVESTIGATION.

THAT'S THE CASE
LATER CALLED
'CANNIBALISM'.





GET OUT
OF MY WAY
ACKI, NOW!

BUT NOW
I GOT IT,
THEY WERE
PICTURES
FROM THE
'CANNIBALISM'
CASE.

TWO YEARS
AGO WHEN I
WATCHED
SUZUKI-SAN'S
BRAIN DURING
THE 'NINE
BOYS' SUICIDE'
CASE I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND IT,

NO, I
DON'T CARE
ABOUT THIS
CONVER-
SATION,

WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO DO,
TRAPPING
YOUR BOSS
IN A PLACE
LIKE THIS!?

STOP IT!

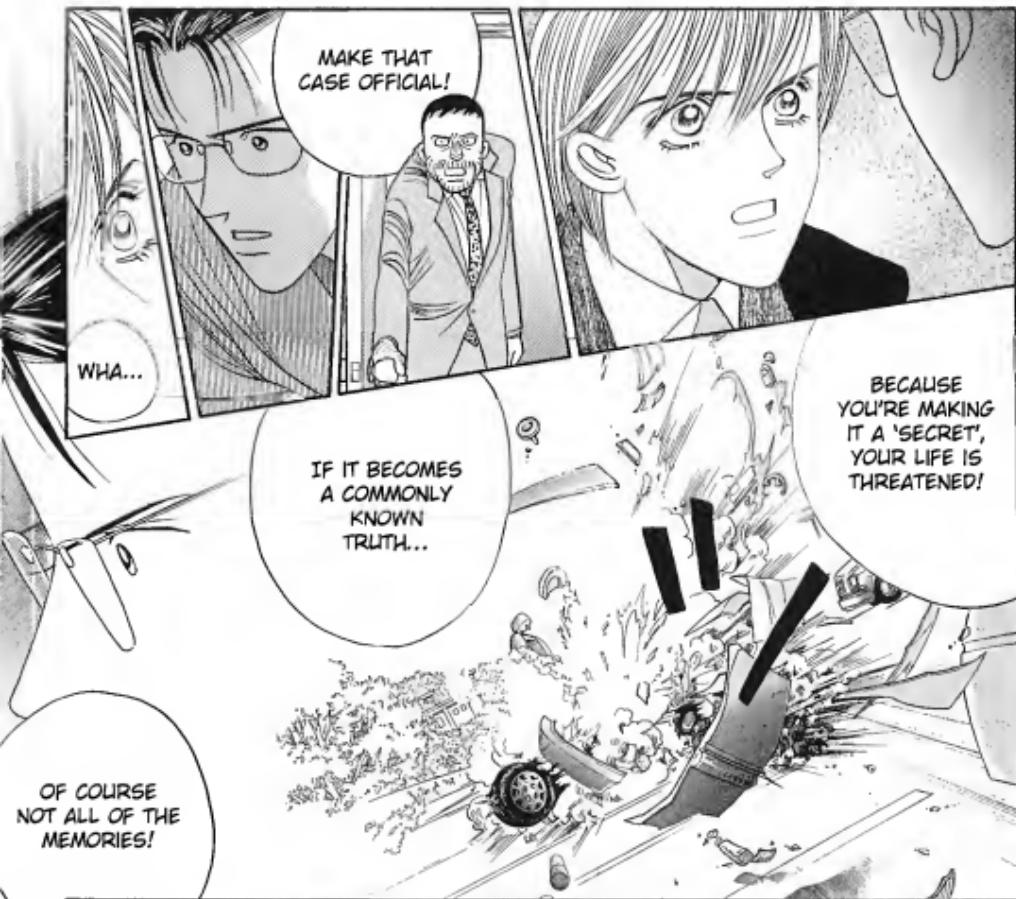
KNOWING THAT
ASSIGNING THEM
TO THE CASE WOULD
MEAN RISKING
THEIR LIVES AND
ASSASSINATION,
YOU KEPT IT ALL TO
YOURSELF!

AFRAID OF
EXPOSING YOUR
SUBORDINATES TO
DANGER YOU TRIED
TO DEAL WITH
EVERYTHING
ALONE!

AND NOW AGAIN,
YOU ALONE ARE
EXPOSED TO
DANGER AND
TARGETED!







TWO YEARS AGO,
WHEN I SAW
SUZUKI-SAN'S
BRAIN I SAW
EVERYTHING TOO!

BUT I'VE
SEEN IT
TOO!

AND
DON'T
BRING IT
UP EVER
AGAIN!

I'M ALREADY
INVOLVED IN
THIS!

IF,

I CAN
WRITE THE
REPORT TO THE
'CANNIBALISM'
CASE MYSELF!

IF THIS CASE
CAN BE
SETTLED—

IF IT MEANS
THAT NO ONE
PLANTS A BOMB
IN YOUR CAR
AGAIN AND I CAN
PROTECT YOUR
LIFE THAT WAY,







My eyes,
trained
in lip-
reading...





...Couldn't miss the way Maki-san's lips formed the 'Su' shape for a moment.

His face,



Had the same expression as Yukiko-san back then...



HEY AOKI!
MIND WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING! THE
SP OUTSIDE
CAN HEAR
EVERYTHING!
IF YOU SAY
TOO MUCH IN
A PLACE LIKE
THIS...

WHAT IF I DO?
I DON'T MIND
THEM HEARING
THIS
CONVERSATION!



AOKI
...
YOU
SHOULD MAKE
SUZUKI-SAN'S
BRAIN PUBLIC.

BECAUSE
SUZUKI-SAN IS
ALREADY DEAD.

ARE THERE
SECRETS MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN HUMAN
LIFE?

I'M JUST
TRYING TO...

TO DO
WHAT?

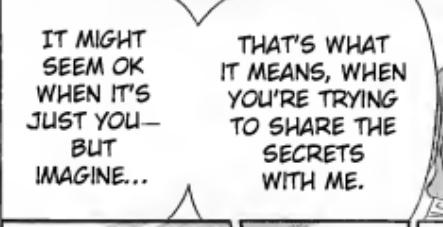
MAKI...

DO
YOU...

YOU...

TO
PROTECT
ME',
IS THAT
WHAT
YOU'RE
TRYING TO
SAY?

...WANT TO TASTE
THE FEAR OF
BEING UNABLE TO
SLEEP EVEN IN
YOUR OWN HOME
SO BADLY?



IF IT'S YUKIKO-SAN'S CAR THAT GETS SET UP WITH EXPLOSIVES... HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THAT EVEN FOR A MOMENT?

And this as well. It's a present.



IF SOMETHING HAPPENED, WOULD YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY,

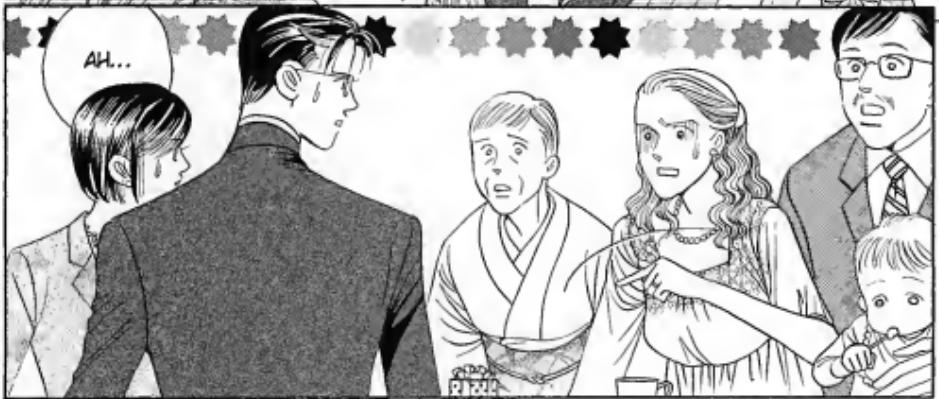
AND PROTECT PEOPLE?

ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT YOU'D BE ABLE TO PROTECT HER?



ARE YOU
SAYING
YOU HAVE
THAT
RESOLVE?











MOM IS
STAYING
IN THIS
HOTEL?

YEAH...
IT'S JUST A
SHORT WALK
FROM THE
HOUSE, AND
MAI'S STILL
CRYING A LOT
AT NIGHT,
SO SHE
WOULDN'T
GET ANY
SLEEP...

AH,
RIGHT,
IKKOU.



OH, NEVER-MIND. VISIT US NEXT TIME!

HMM, IT WASN'T YOU? WHEN I HEARD THAT HE WAS OVER 6FT TALL I WAS SURE...

HUH?
NO,
WHY?

DID YOU VISIT OUR HOUSE LATELY?



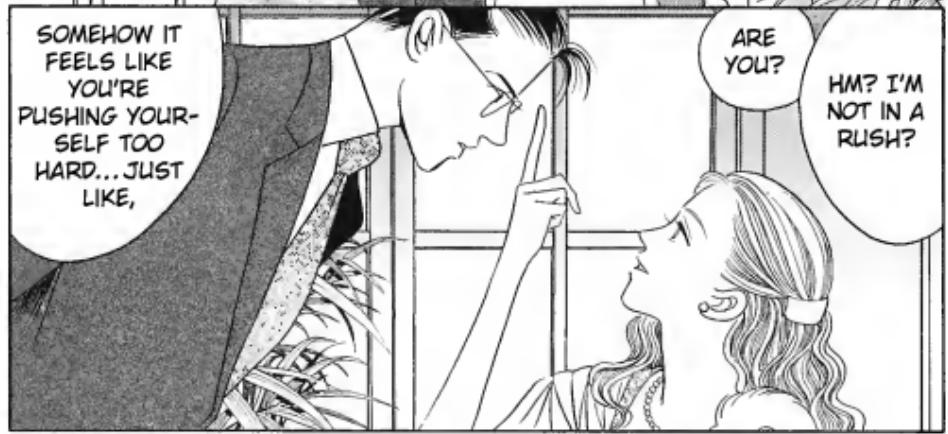
IT'S A BIT COMPLICATED TO HAVE A 'LITTLE SISTER' OLDER THAN MYSELF,

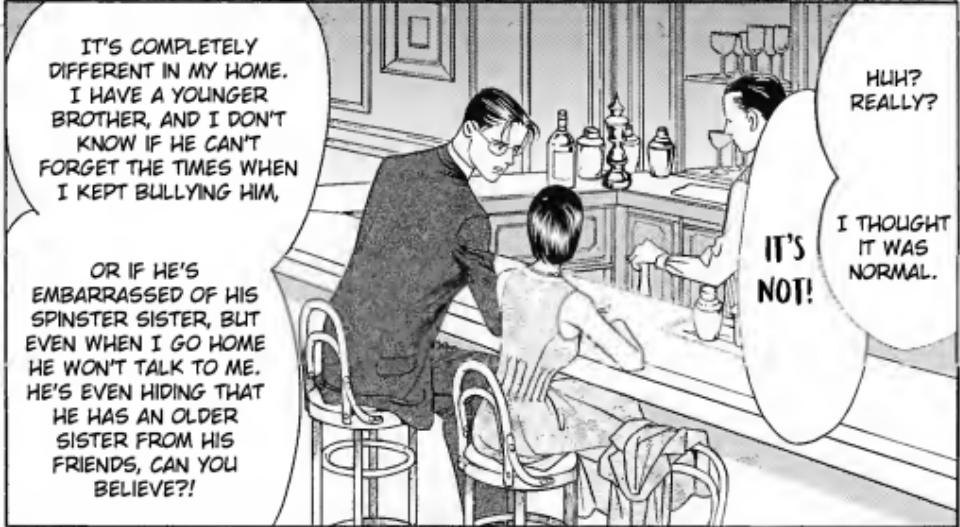
T... I THAT WAS, ... BUT I PREFER HER WAAY OVER THE BARELY ADULT COLLEGE STUDENT YOU WERE DATING BEFORE.

I'M NOT SURE ABOUT MOM, BUT I LIKE HER. ISN'T SHE BEAUTIFUL? GOOD LUCK, I'LL BE CHEERING ON YOU!



WELL, YOU'RE MOM'S PRIDE SON, NO MATTER WHO YOU BRING SHE WOULDN'T BE SATISFIED AT FIRST.





I FEEL LIKE
I GET WHY
TSUYOSHI-KUN
LIKES YOU SO
MUCH...

YEAH.

'OH, HE
MUST'VE
BEEN
RAISED IN
NORMAL,
HONEST
WAY'—

And I
grew over
6ft tall like
a bamboo
pole...

IS
WHAT I
THOUGHT
...

THERE
ARE MANY
THINGS
ABOUT YOU
HE'S
ATTRACTED
TO.







YOUR
HAIR,

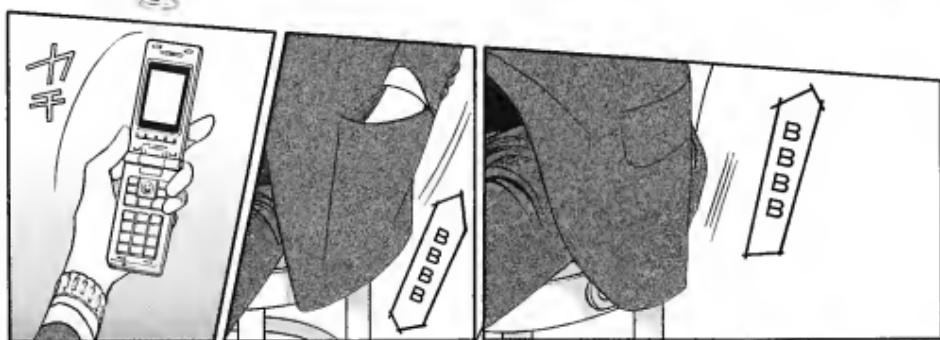
YUKI...

IT'S BETTER
WHEN YOU
COMB IT BACK
PROPERLY...

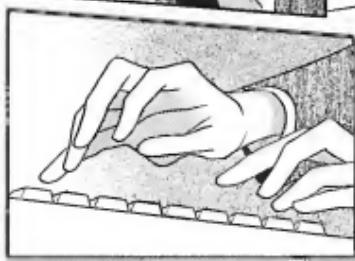
IT'S YOUR
STYLE, AND
I LIKE IT.

IT'S NOT
PLAIN
ALL.











THE NUMBER
ONE TOUGH GUY
IN 'THE NINTH',
NO IN THE WHOLE
PRECINCT, IS
TREMBLING IN
FEAR AT THE
SLIGHTEST
CHANGE IN YOUR
EXPRESSION!





MAKI-SAN...?



That
he's...



Came back
from that
world...



I tried calling her...
She picked up twice
but cut off right after,
and I couldn't get
to her ever since.
She also said something
unusual earlier...



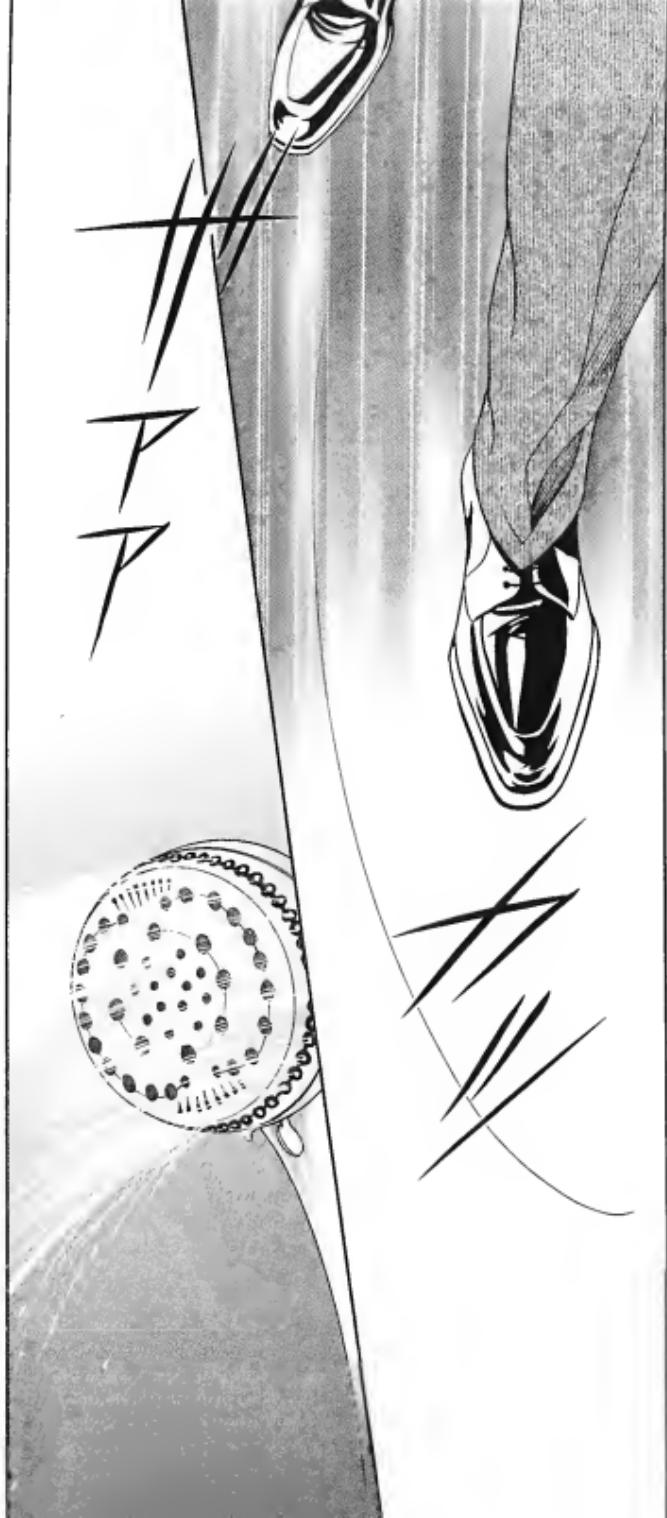
It'll take
me about
twenty
to thirty
minutes,
but I'll be
coming
right back,
ok?

What
happened?

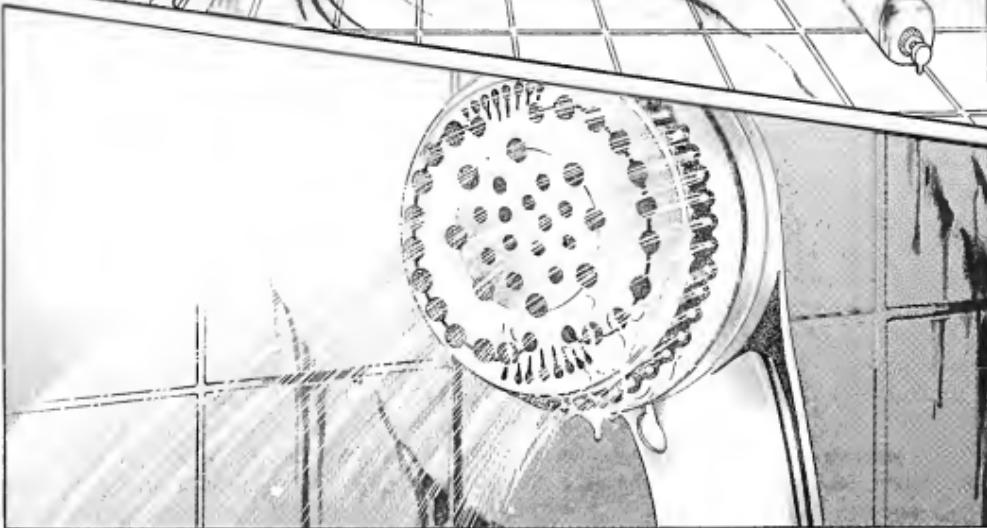
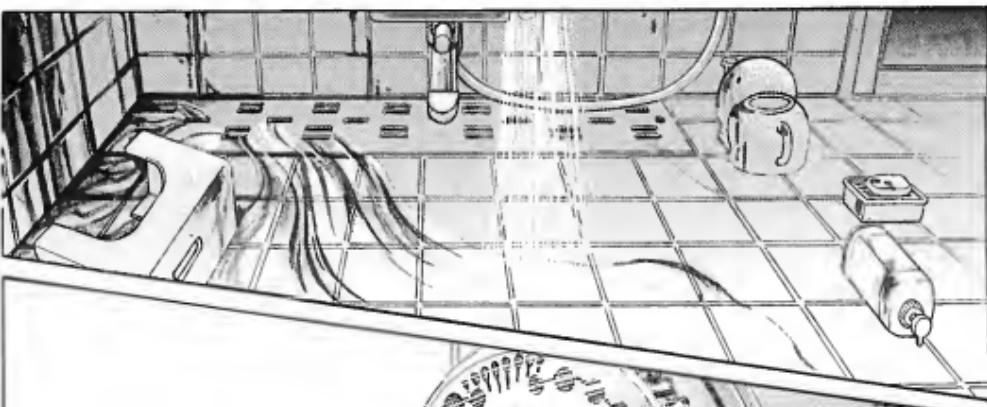
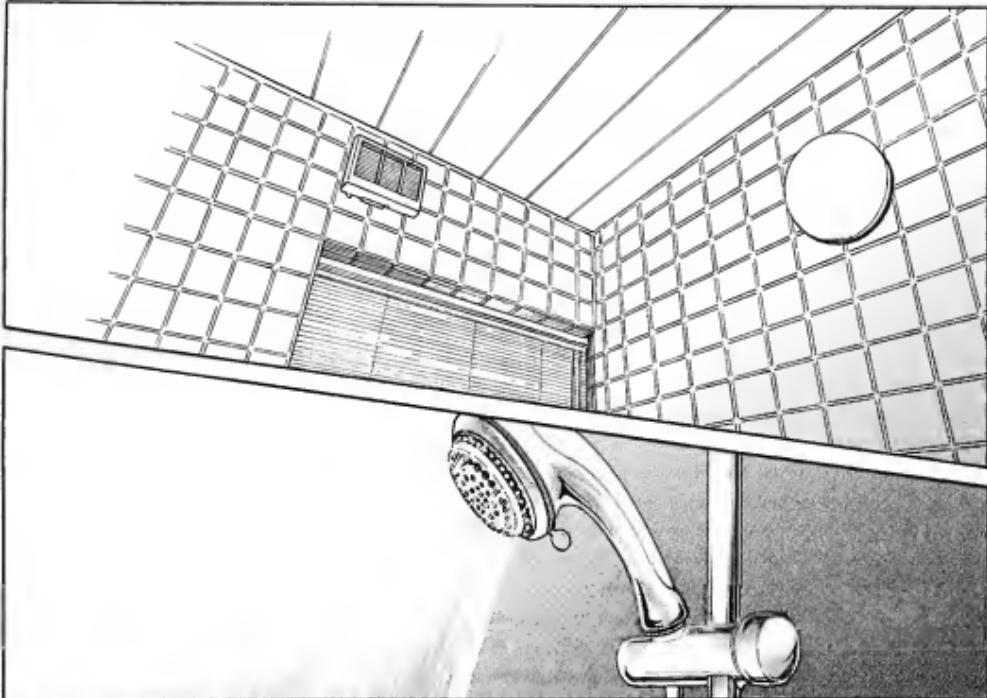
I'm going
to my sister's
house for
a moment,
could you
stay here
for a while?

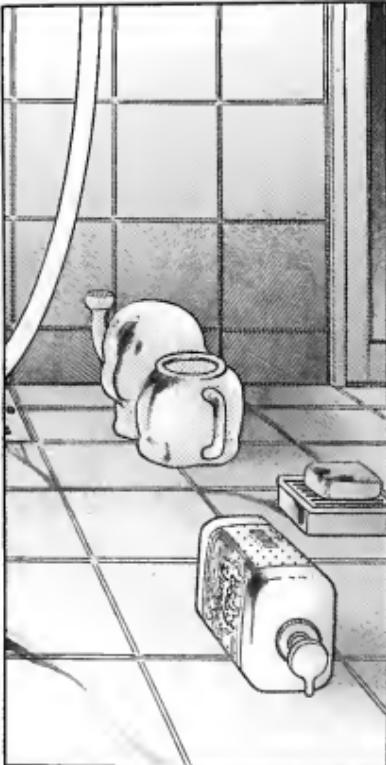




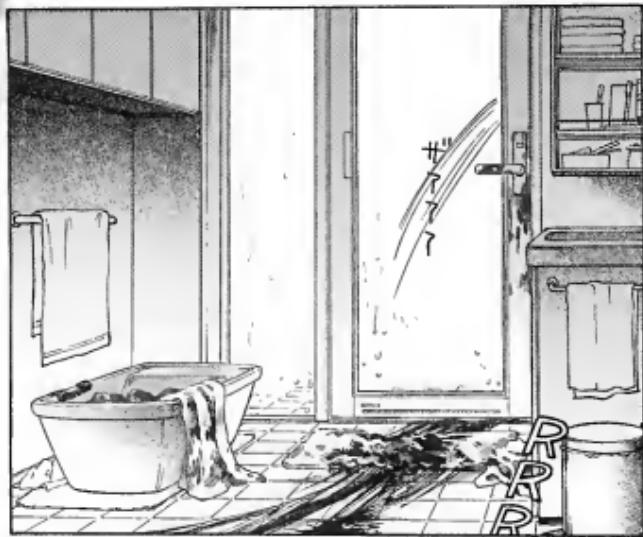


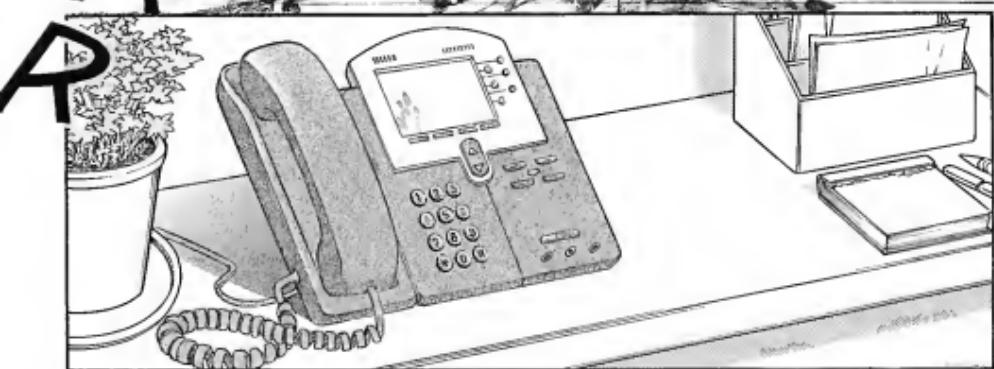


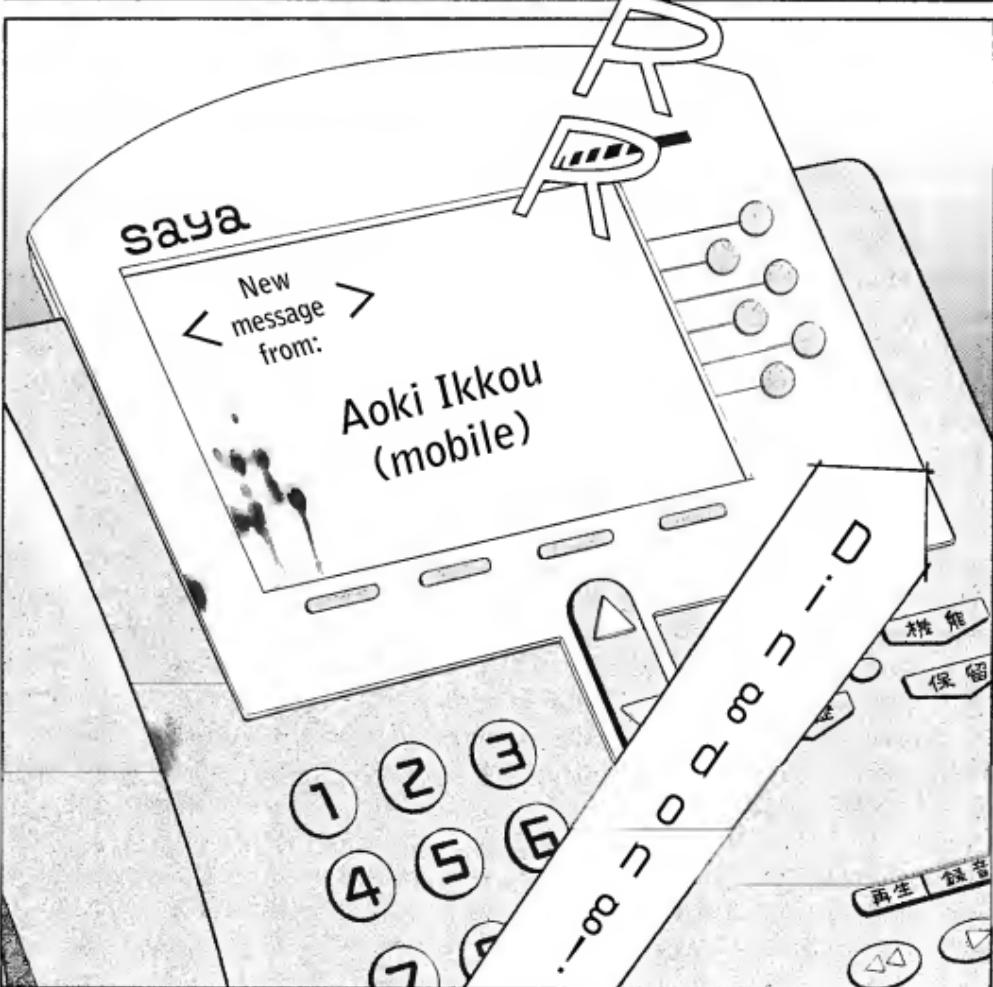
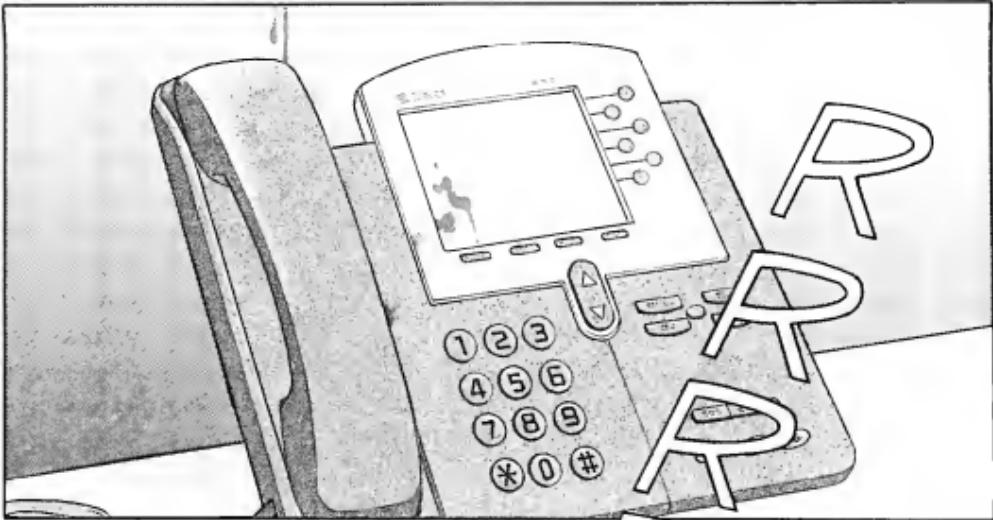


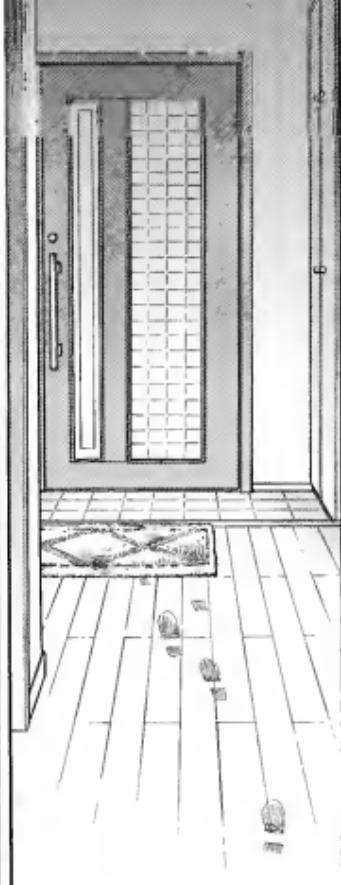
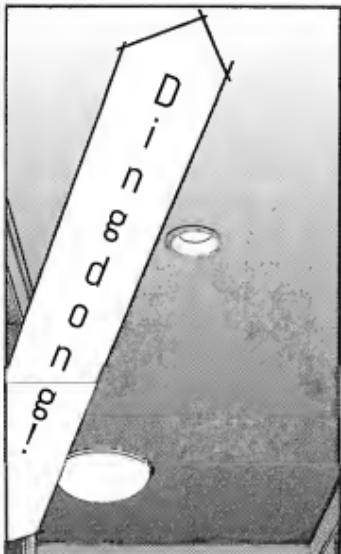
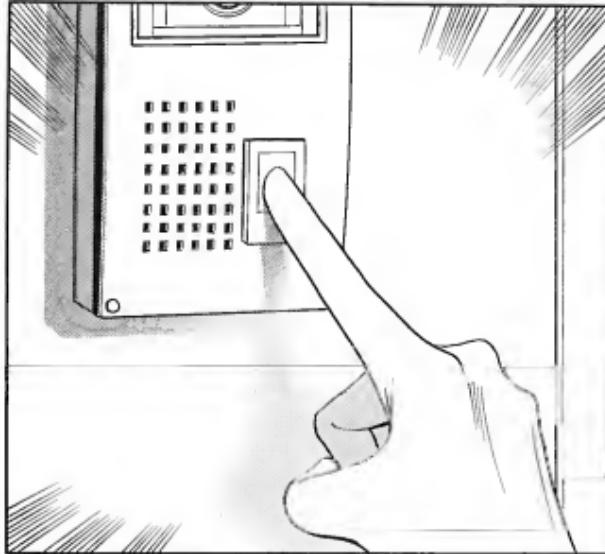


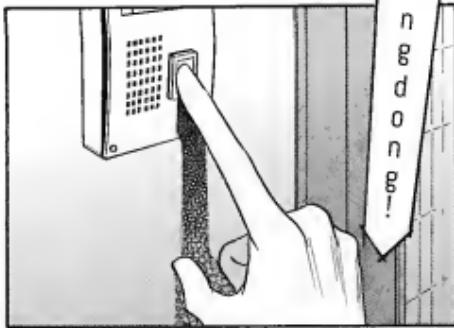














WAKAKO!



REIKO SHIMIZU

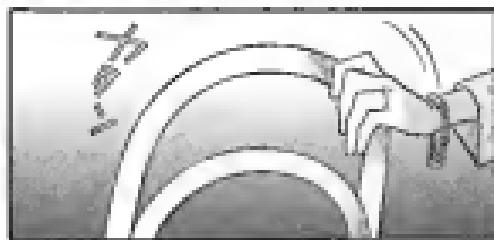
秘トッピ・シー・クレット 密山
2010

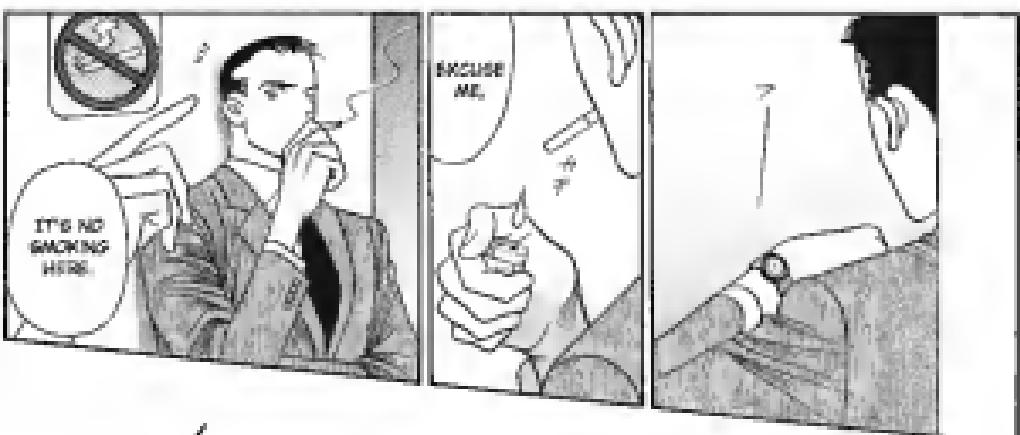
END GAME

THE TOP SECRET

RETRONAUTS
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THE GAME ACT 3
THE TOP SECRET









LISTEN TO ME!
MY GRIP
STRENGTH IS
67KG, WHICH
EXCEEDS EVEN
THE AVERAGE
FOR A MALE IN
HIS TWENTIES.
THAT'S 17 KG.

AH!

NOW,

SO,

WHO
SENT
YOU?

WHY
ARE YOU
FOLLOW-
ING ME?

67KG...

IF YOU DON'T
WANT ME TO
SQUEEZE AND
RENDER YOUR
PRECIOUS
THING
UNUSABLE,
TALK!

UH...

AH!

'THE NINTH',
IT'S
'THE NINTH'!

COME
ON!

WAH!

STOP,
STOP!

SINCE IT
WAS URGENT
AND THERE
WERE NOT
ENOUGH
PEOPLE, HE
MOVED THE SP
THAT WERE
GUARDING
HIM TO YOU.

THEIR SECTION
CARET. HAD
REQUESTED
FOR A
GUARD TO BE
PUT ON YOU

IF YOU
UNDERSTOOD,
LEMMIE GO,
STUPID
WOMAN!

HE SAID
YOU MAY BE
IN DANGER!



Eh?

Why...?

THE CHIEF... NEVER MENTIONED YOU WERE... SO VIOLENT!

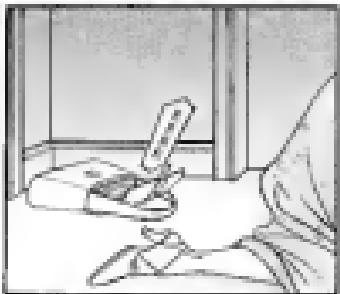
DAMN.....

...

SO

...MY









INSPECTOR...
TAKIZAWA
ANNOO...

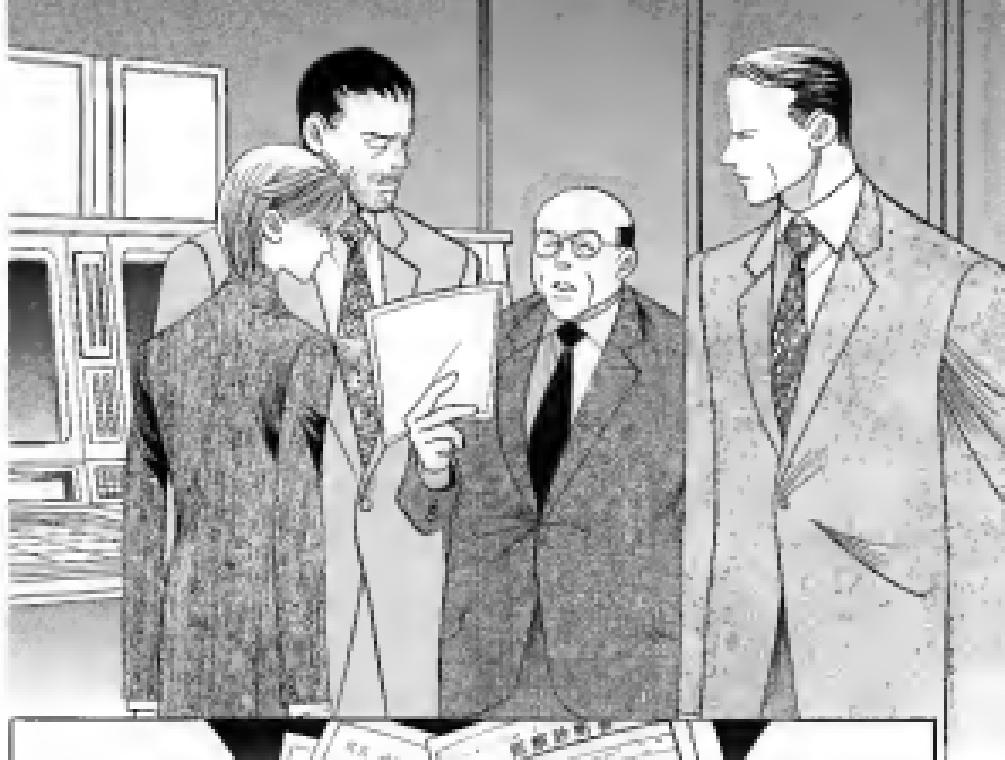
Takizawa
Police

AH!

DIDN'T YOU
DEVELOP A SEVERE
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
AND SHOULD BE STILL
RESTRICTED IN THE
HOSPITAL...??

DURING
THE
KARINA
CASE!...

IT
CAN'T
BE!



AND HERE'S THE DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE FIRST PERSONNEL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC POLICE RESEARCH CENTER.

HERE ARE THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE AND A HEALTH REPORT, ISSUED A WEEK AGO.

NOTICE OF REINSTATEMENT
Mr. Mikio is appointed to the Laboratory of the Scientific Police Research Center.

Patient's Condition:
No disorders found.

Overall condition:
No disorders found.

'A NOTICE OF REINSTATEMENT'





Takizawa Mikio is appointed to resume his work at the Ninth Laboratory of Legal Medicine of the Scientific Police Research Center.

TASHIRO-SAN?

MAKIKI,

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

TO THE NINTH BY

NO WAY...

HE'S THE VICTIM
IN THIS SITUATION.

THOUGH IT
WAS ONCE
THOUGHT
IMPOSSIBLE,

THE MAIN
REASON BEHIND
HIS LONG TERM
CONFINEMENT IN
THE HOSPITAL
WAS THAT
UNFORTUNATE
CASE A WORK-
RELATED ACCIDENT.

THE MAN
YOU VISITED IN
IBARAKI IN MAY
WAS INDEED
INSPECTOR
TAKIZAWA MIKIO.
DURING HIS
HOSPITALIZATION
HE WAS STILL
OFFICIALLY
ENROLLED TO
THE NINTH.

HE
MANAGED
TO GET
BACK TO
HEALTH
AND CAN
RETURN TO
WORK.

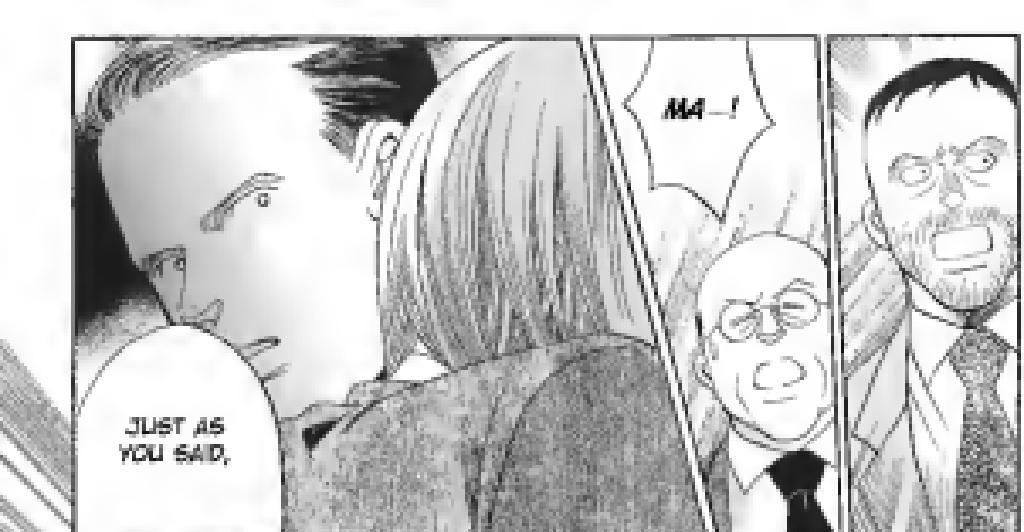
WHILE I
UNDERSTAND
YOUR AND OTHER
INSPECTORS'
CONFUSION AT THE
SUDDEN PERSONNEL
CHANGE,



WHY ARE YOU
TANNED TO THE POINT
OF HAVING A VISIBLE
MARK FROM A RING,
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO HAVE
BEEN CONFINED IN THE
HOSPITAL UP UNTIL A
WEEK AGO?







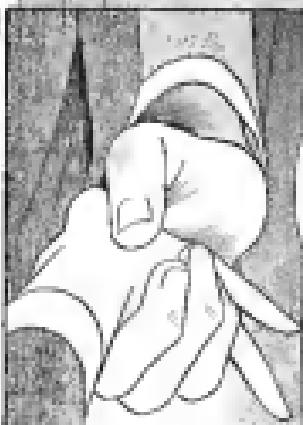
JUST AS
YOU SAID,

MA-1

MY
HOSPITALIZATION
WAS A RUSE
FROM THE START.
DURING THAT
TIME, I WAS
ASSIGNED TO
ANOTHER
SPECIAL TASK



COULD YOU TRUST
A SUBORDINATE
THAT CAN'T KEEP HIS
TONGUE ON A LEASH?



DO YOU EXPECT
ME TO TELL YOU
UPFRONT ABOUT A
MISSION THAT'S
NOT SUPPOSED TO
HAVE A TRACE IN
MY PERSONAL
RECORDS?



AS THE 8TH
SUBORDINATE OF
'THE NINTH'
RELEASED FROM
THE HOSPITAL A
WEEK AGO,

REWARD-
LESS OF
THOSE
THREE
YEARS,







MAK!!





THE
ONE...



THE ONE WHO
TRUSTED YOU...



WASN'T ME.



AND YET YOU
WERE MAKING
YOURSELF UN-
ABLE TO TELL YOUR
UNDERLINGS
ACTING UNDER-
STANDING WITH
A SUPERFICIAL
SMILE.

► YOU WERE EVEN
CONSIDERATE
ENOUGH TO
FORGIVE THE
PITIABLY OLDER
ME MY INFORMAL
LANGUAGE.



THAT'S
RIGHT...

BACK THEN,
YOU WEREN'T
TRUSTING
YOUR
COLLEAGUES.

IN COMPARISON

IT MUST'VE BEEN HARD FOR YOU, BURDENED WITH THE HEAVY POSITION AS THE NINTH SECTION CHIEF, AND HAVING ONLY SUZUKI TO TRUST AND SPEAK YOUR MIND TO.

WITH THE BIG GUY HERE BEHIND YOUR BACK, YOU CAN YELL AROUND AT YOUR UNDERLINGS, TAKE EVERYTHING OUT ON THEM.

TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT,

UNRESTRAINED,

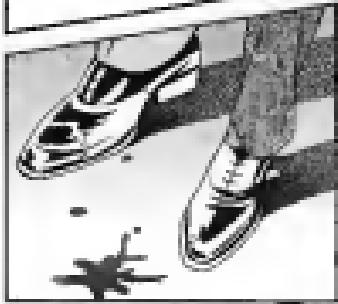
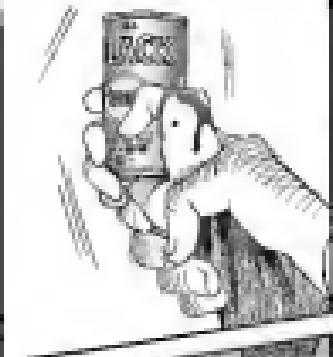
IT SEEMS YOU'RE HAVING MUCH MORE FUN NOWADAYS.



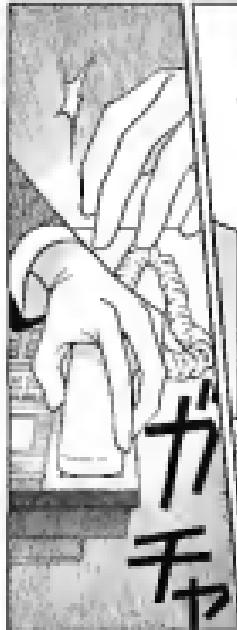
F.
FIRE



PLEASE
STOP
THROWING
ANYTHING
YOU HAVE
AT HAND'S
REACH!











Maki-
san...



Maki-
san?





Yukiko-san...

AOKI!

I tried calling Yukiko-san again and again, she's not picking up...

SHE'S PINE!

I'm worried... If something happened to her...

SHE'S FINE, THERE'S AN SP FOLLOWING HER.

WHERE ARE YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT, SO YUKIKO'S GONE, AOKI!

Now...

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

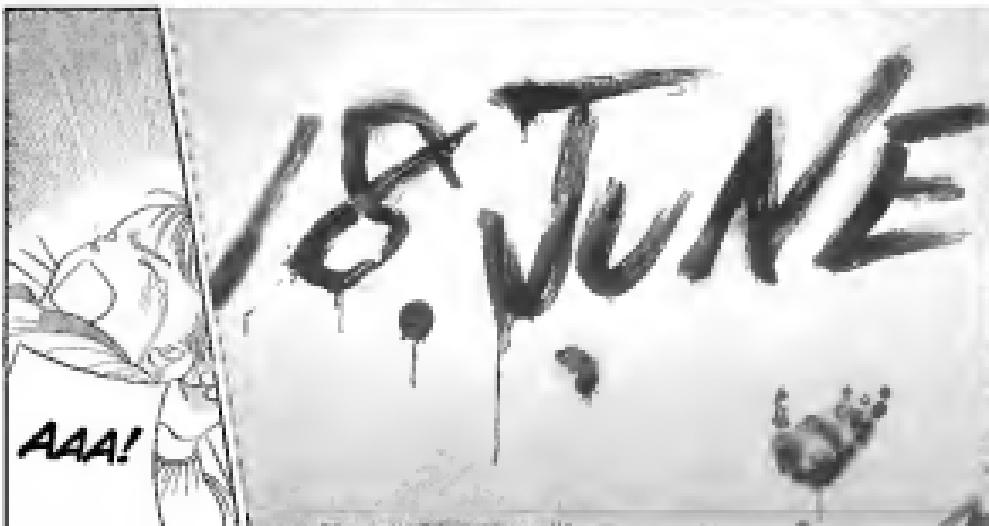
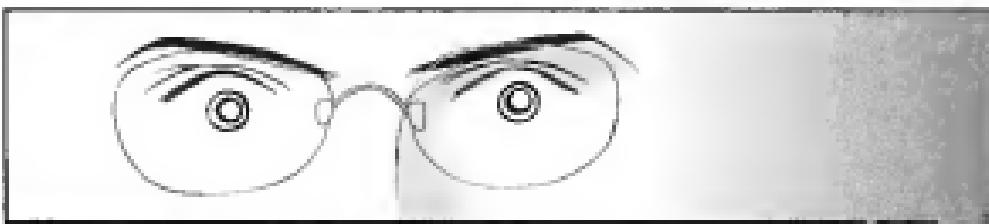












AOKI
!

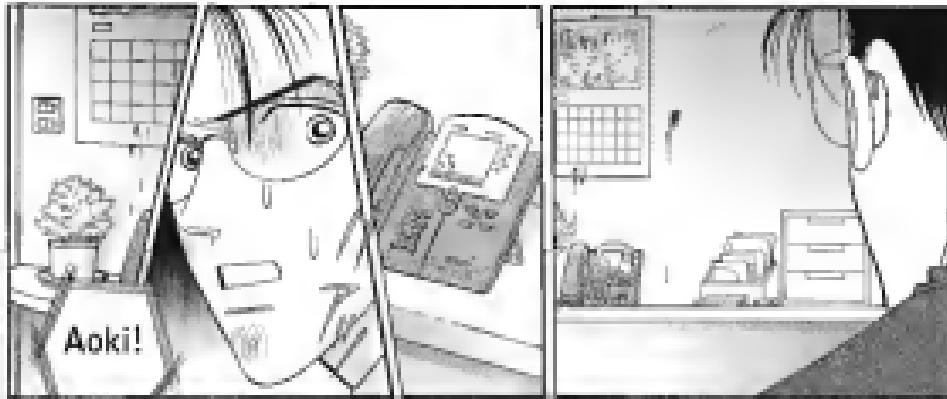
Answer
me,
Aoki!

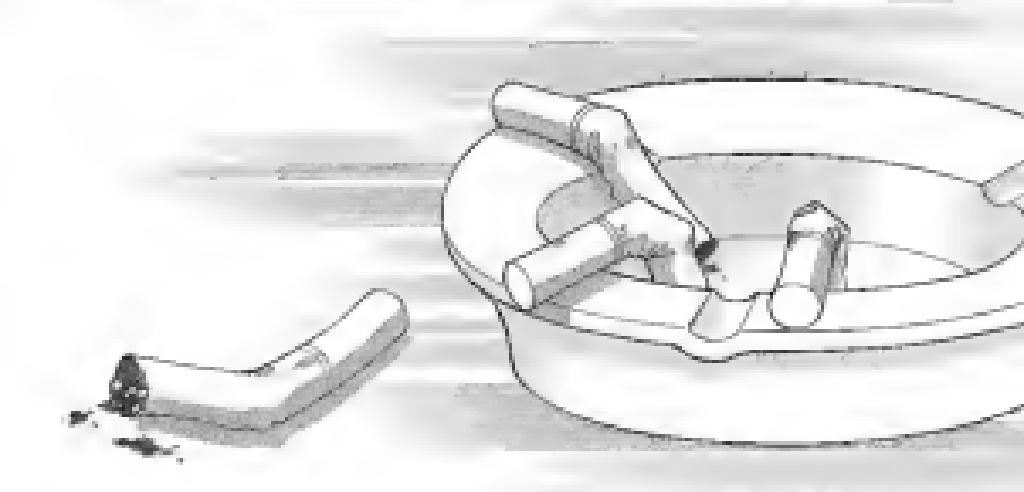
AAAAAA.

Aoki!!

AAAAA!

Aoki!!





There are
quite a
lot of
similarities.



AND THERE IS
ALSO SMOKING
AT THE CRIME
SCENE.

THE WEAPON,
SCRIBBLING THE
DATE OF THE
MURDER ON A
WALL...

THE LIVING
CONDITIONS OF
THE TARGETED
FAMILIES, THE
WAY OF ENTRY
THROUGH THE
SECOND FLOOR
WINDOW,



I SEE...



WHO
WOULD
HAVE
THOUGHT,



Another Household
Slasher

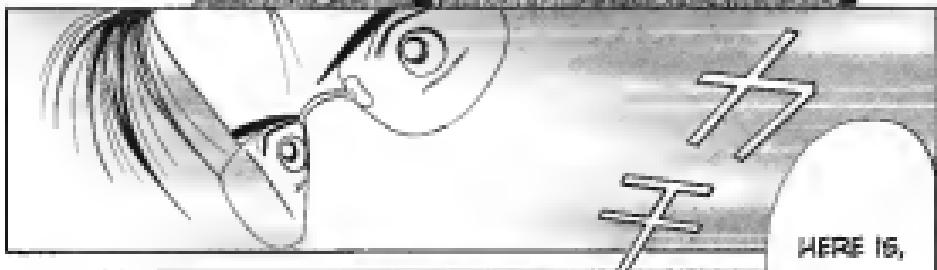


IS IT THE
BANK ROBBER?

THE 'HOUSEHOLD MASSACRE CASE' THAT SENT CHILLS DOWN THE SPINES OF THE JAPANESE ARCHIPELAGO IN THE MIDST OF SPRING HANAMI FESTIVITIES...

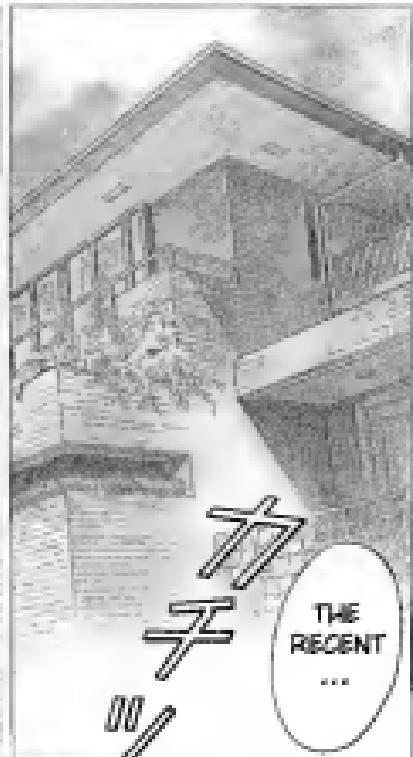


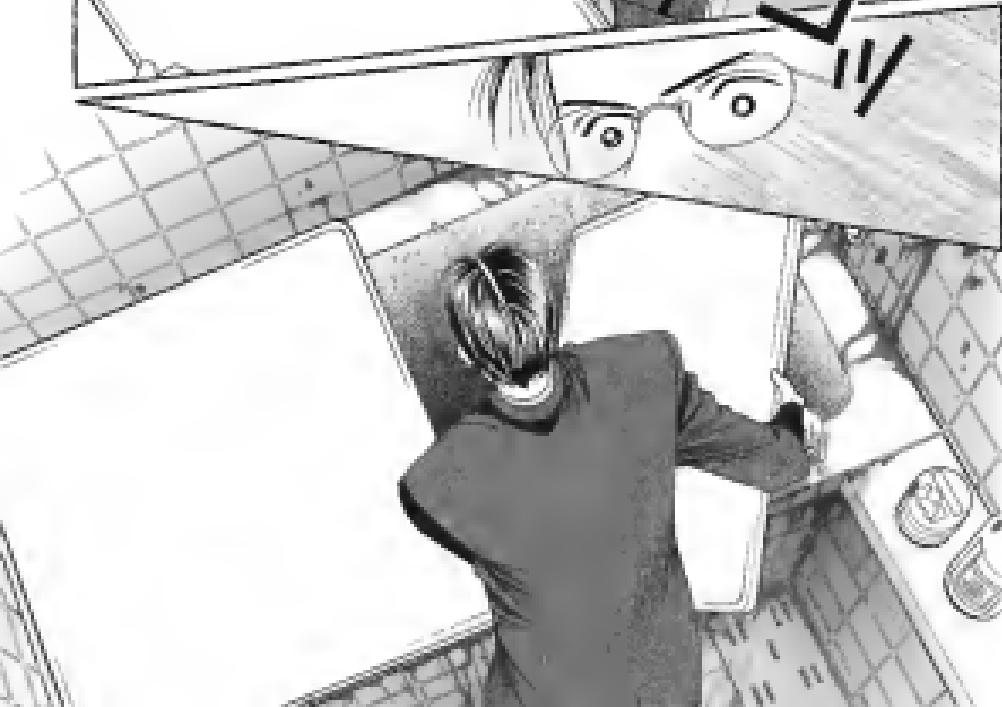
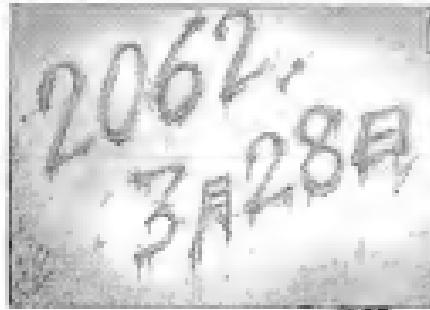
THAT
IT WAS A
COPYCAT
KILLER...

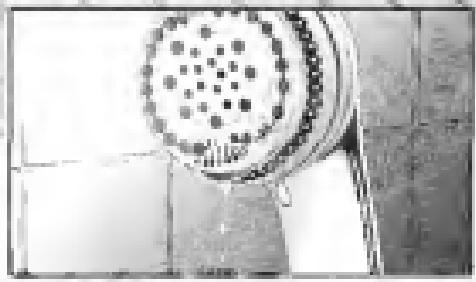
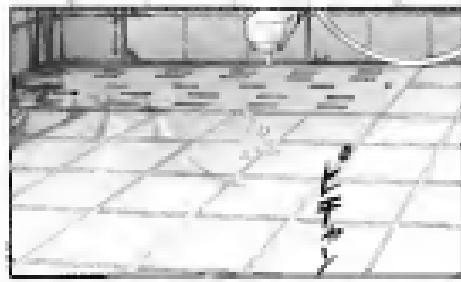
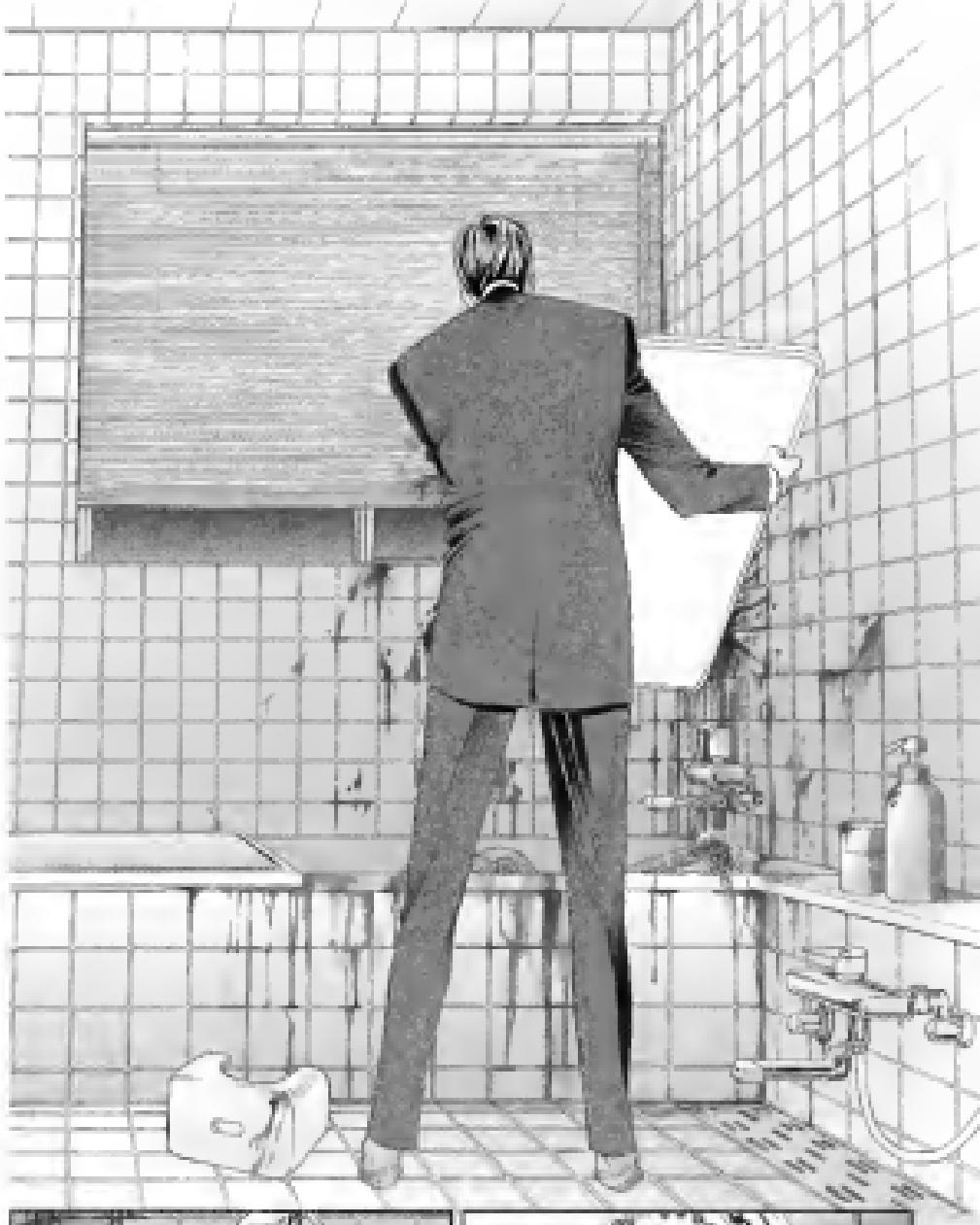


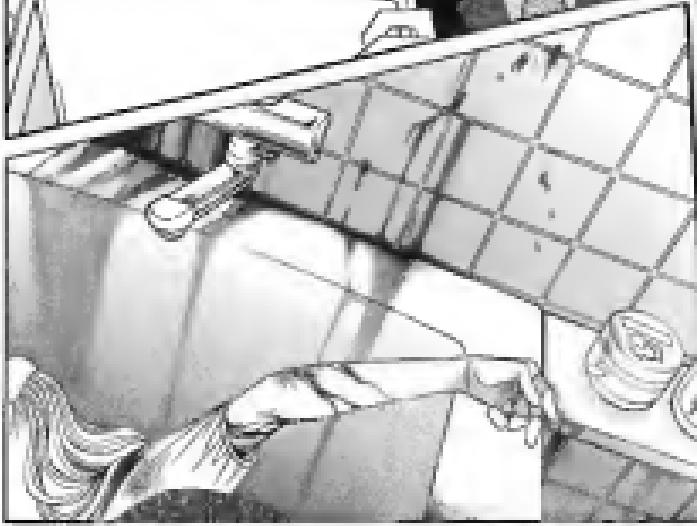
HERE IS,

THE RETRIEVED
IMAGE FROM AN
OLD ENGLISH TV
PROGRAM CALLED
"MURDER CASE"
THAT THE
SUSPECT SAW
FIVE YEARS AGO.

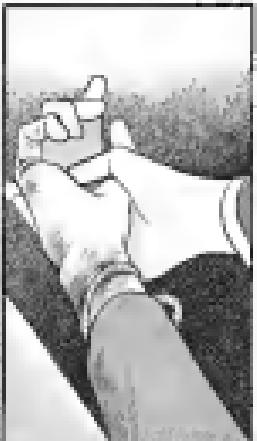
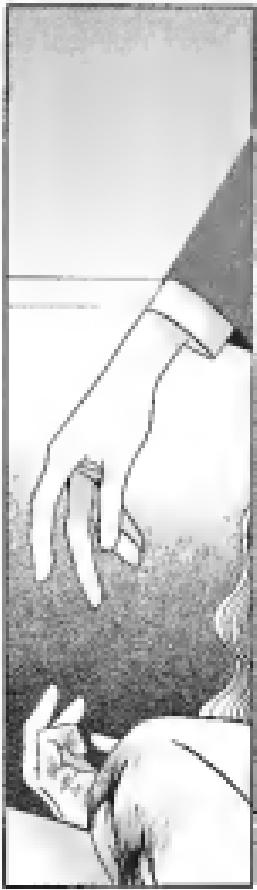


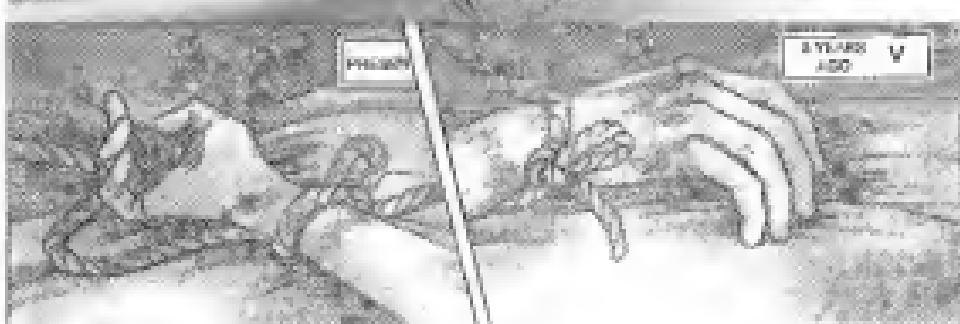
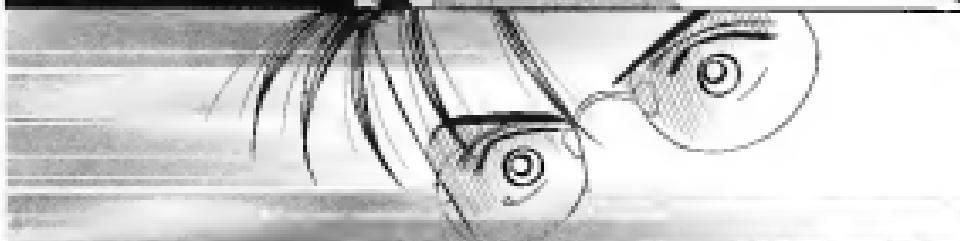
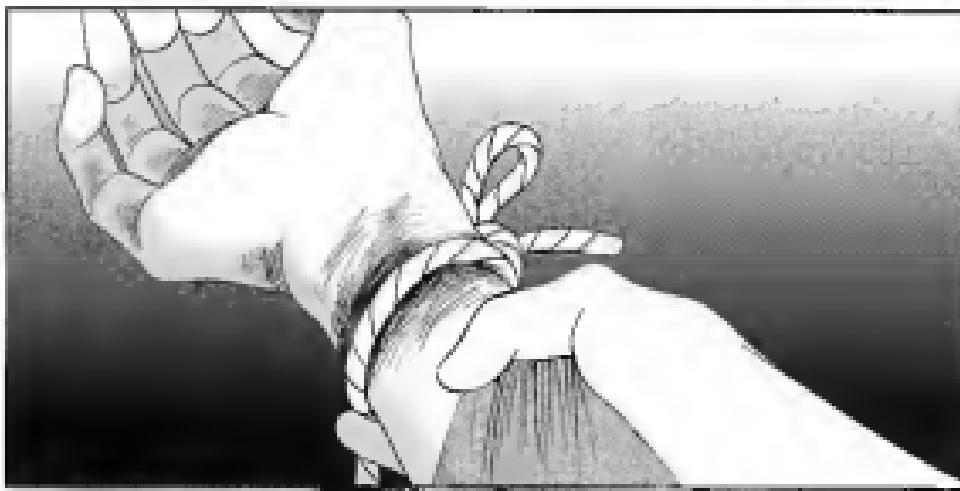














KURA-
TSUJI-
SAN!

KURA-
TSUJI-
MASA-
NOBU-
SAN!

D I N G
D O N G !

D I N G
D O N G !

IT'S THE SHIBUYA
WARD POLICE! WE
WERE NOTIFIED OF
SOME UNUSUAL
ACTIVITY, MAY WE
COME IN AND CHECK
IF EVERYTHING'S
ALRIGHT?











A
A
A
A
A
A!

...ARE DEAD
IN THE
BATHTUB...



Everything's
exactly the
same!

It's the
same...

ACK!
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

AND
...

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タニ

タニ
タニ
タニ

The two story house,
the writings on the
wall, smoking at the
crime scene...

...

AND
...

AND...

2

...



YOU
MEAN...

THE
'HOUSEHOLD
MASSACRE
CASE' YOU
INVESTIGATED
IN MARCH?



THERE
ARE TWO
BODIES
IN THE
BATHTUB!

'COPYCAT
KILLER'?

YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
TANT...

I'm
listening
to you.

Calm
down
and talk
to me.

GET BACK,
EVERYONE
GET BACK!

IT'S
DANGEROUS.
THE CULPRIT'S
STILL INSIDE
THE HOUSE!

MA...

Aoku?

AAAAAA!
AAA!

MAKI-
SAN,

CAN YOU
HEAR US?
OPEN THE
DOOR AND
STEP
OUTSIDE!

DON'T
HANG
UP...

THIS HOUSE
IS ALREADY
SURROUNDED.
THERE'S
NOWHERE
LEFT TO RUN!

STEP
OUTSIDE
IMMEDIATELY,
AND HAND
OVER THE
CHILD!



IT'S ALL
COVERED IN
BLOOD, LIKE I
STEPPED INTO A
MURDERER'S MRI
FOOTAGE...

IT'S WEIRD,
THIS HOUSE...
THIS WORLD.



I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT'S
GOING ON...

EVERYONE'S
DEAD,

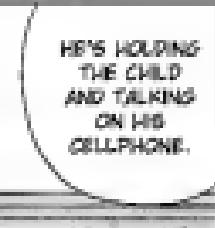
ANAKI-SAN...
AND THEN
THE
POLICE
CAME,



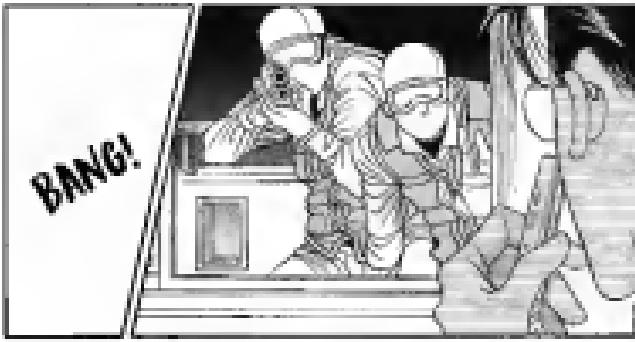
ONLY YOU
ARE...



HE'S
NOT
HOLDING
ANY
WEAPON.



HE'S HOLDING
THE CHILD
AND TALKING
ON HIS
CELLPHONE.



BANG!







MAI!



MAI!



POLICE

MA-









AOKI!

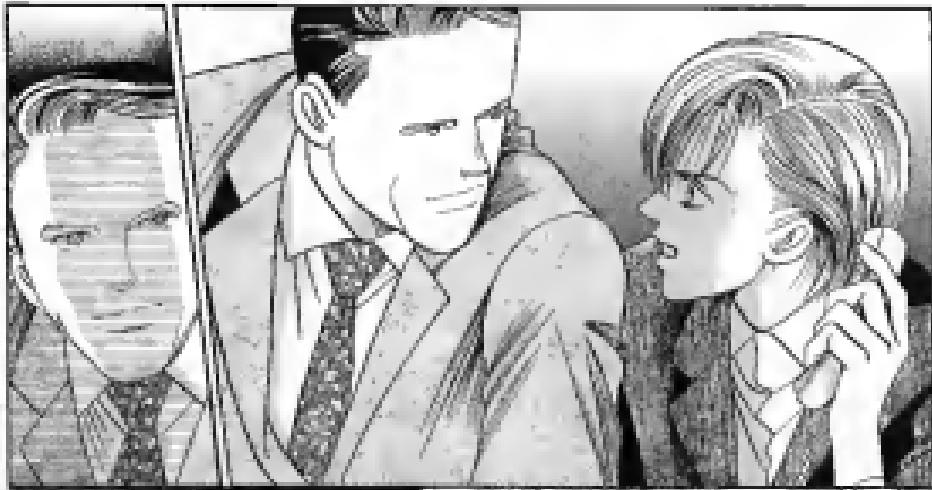


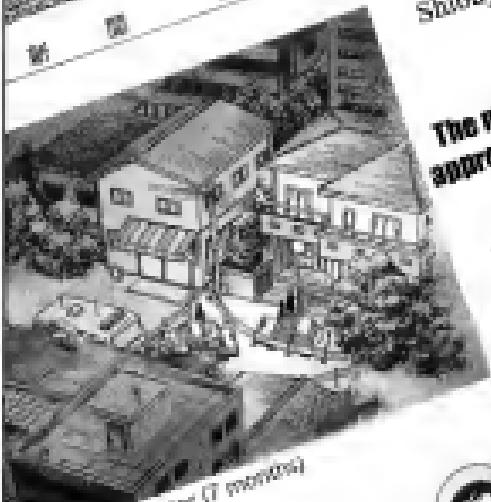
A-!



Still hasn't gone
amiss, right...?

The world
you're living in...





The oldest daughter (7 months)
safely rescued

Shibuya police
arrested a man
suspected of
kidnapping
the child
from a
neighbourhood
household
in the early
hours of
yesterday.
The man
was
arrested
at a
nearby
household
in the
same
neighbourhood
at
approximately
11:30
yesterday
morning.
The
child
was
safely
rescued
by
police
officers
and
is
now
safe
and
sound.

Shibuya Police

The male suspect
apprehended by the
SAT unit

Barricaded himself
with the child as a
hostage

A MARRIAGE
SLAUGHTERED

TWO DEAD
BODIES IN
SHIBUYA

The quiet
neighbourhood
in shock!



Komachi
Masako (39)



Komachi
Wakako (39)

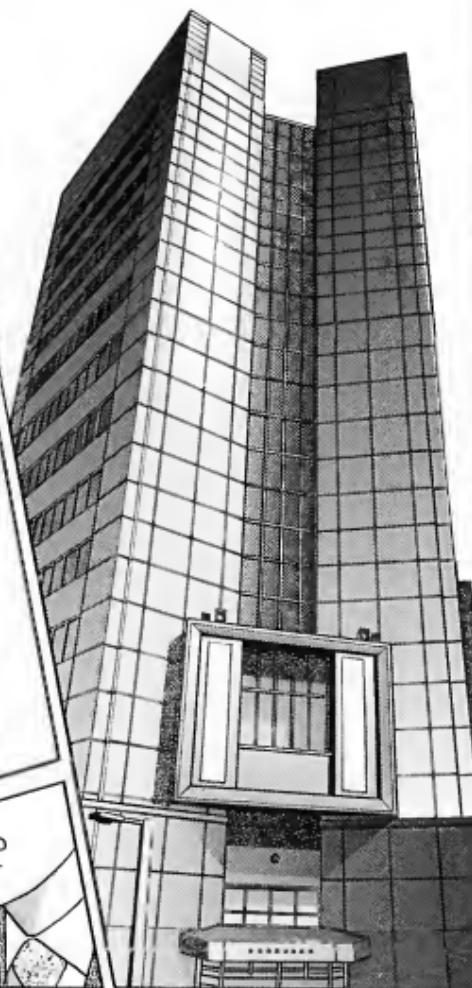




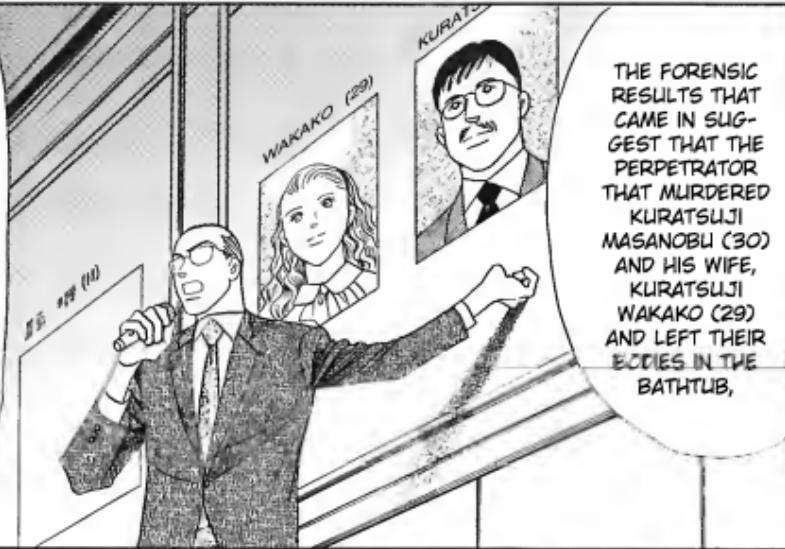
THE POLICEMAN SUSPECT?

No comments from
the Shibusawa Police.





MIGHT BE SOMEONE ELSE THAN THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE VICTIM, AOKI IKKOU (24) ARRESTED WITHOUT A WARRANT AFTER BARRICADING HIMSELF WITH THE CHILD AT THE CRIME SCENE.



THE FORENSIC RESULTS THAT CAME IN SUGGEST THAT THE PERPETRATOR THAT MURDERED KURATSUJI MASANOBU (30) AND HIS WIFE, KURATSUJI WAKAKO (29) AND LEFT THEIR BODIES IN THE BATHTUB,



THEREFORE, INSPECTOR AOKI IKKOU WAS RELEASED AS MISTAKENLY ARRESTED. HOWEVER, AS AN IMPORTANT WITNESS AND THE FIRST PERSON TO DISCOVER THE BODIES, HE'S PARTICIPATING IN A VOLUNTARY QUESTIONING.

IN THE
LEGAL
AUTOPSY,

IT SEEMS A RATHER
QUICK RELEASE...
COULD IT BE IT'S
BECAUSE OF THE
'THE NINTH' OR THE
METROPOLITAN
POLICE...



IT WAS
ESTABLISHED THAT
BOTH THE VICTIMS
DIED IN THE SPAN
OF 10 MINUTES
FROM 8:50 AND
9:00PM.

THE IMAGES
FROM THE
SECURITY
CAMERA THAT
CALIGHT THE
FIGURE OF HIM
LEAVING THE
HOTEL AT
9:40PM PROVE
THAT AS WELL.

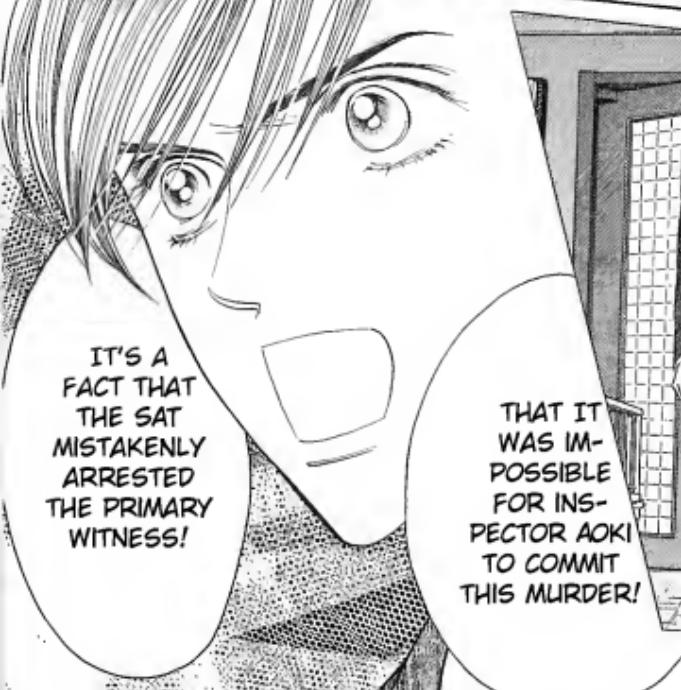
THE TESTIMONIES
OF THE BARTENDER
AND SEVERAL
HOTEL STAFF
CONFIRM THAT
INSPECTOR AOKI
WAS WITH HIS
FIANCÉ UNTIL
AROUND 9:30PM.

21:40

21:40:15

SO IT'S EVIDENT,

IT'S A 10 MINUTE RUN FROM THE HOTEL TO THE KURATSUJI HOUSEHOLD WHERE THE CRIME TOOK PLACE. EVEN BY A FASTEST BIKE IT WOULD STILL TAKE 4 MINUTES TO GET THERE.



IT'S A FACT THAT THE SAT MISTAKENLY ARRESTED THE PRIMARY WITNESS!

THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR INSPECTOR AOKI TO COMMIT THIS MURDER!



AMONG
THE GREAT
MANY OF
FOOTPRINTS
LEFT AT
THE CRIME
SCENE...

DNA	
X	-----
MASANOBU	-----
WAKAKO	-----
INSPECTOR AOKI	-----

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B...BUT AT THE
TIME, A MOMENT
OF HESITATION
COULD RESULT IN
ENDANGERING THE
CHILD'S LIFE!
THE SAT'S REACTION
WAS UNAVOIDABLE!

BESIDES, THERE
AREN'T THAT MANY
MEN FITTING THE
'OVER 6FT TALL
MALE, SHOE SIZE 13'
PROFILE ISSUED BY
THE FORENSICS!

THE FIRST ONE
WAS OF INSPECTOR
AOKI, WALKING
AROUND ON THE
CORRIDORS— AND
THE SECOND,

THE FORENSICS
WORKED HARD
TO DISCERN AND
EXCLUDE ALL THOSE
BELONGING TO THE
POLICE, SAT, OR
THE VICTIMS AND
SUCCEEDED TO PICK
OUT TWO DIFFERENT
SIZE 13 PATTERNS.

FOOTPRINTS
MADE BY A
LEATHER-SOLED
SHOES STRE-
TCHING FROM
THE ENTRANCE
POINT AT THE
SECOND FLOOR
WINDOW, TO THE
EXIT BY THE
FRONT DOOR!

IS
THIS
...

IS
THIS!



ENOUGH
EVIDENCE
PROVING
THAT WERE IN
FACT 'THAT
MANY' MEN
FITTING THE
PROFILE,

FOR
YOU?!



WE HAVE THE
CIGARETTE
BUTTS.

DNA

X -----



MASANOBU -----



WAKAKO -----



INSPECTOR AOKI -----



THE DNA FROM THE SALIVA COLLECTED FROM THE CIGARETTE ENDS DIDN'T MATCH WITH NEITHER OF THE VICTIMS' OR INSPECTOR AOKI'S.

WHAT CAN BE ASSUMED FROM THAT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE?

THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER MAN OVER 6FT TALL!

IN THE SPAN FROM 8:50 TO 9:00PM THE MAN MURDERS THE COUPLE WHO JUST RETURNED, SMOKES ON THE CRIME SCENE AND LEAVES THE SCRIBBLES ON THE WALLS.

AROUND THAT TIME, FROM 6:30 TO 8:10PM BOTH THE VICTIMS WERE STILL AT A DINNER MEETING AT A NEARBY HOTEL, AND LEFT IT AT ABOUT 8:30PM.

THAT NIGHT, ANOTHER TALL MAN OTHER THAN INSPECTOR AOKI ENTERED THE KURATSUJI HOUSE THROUGH THE WINDOW OF THE 2ND FLOOR.

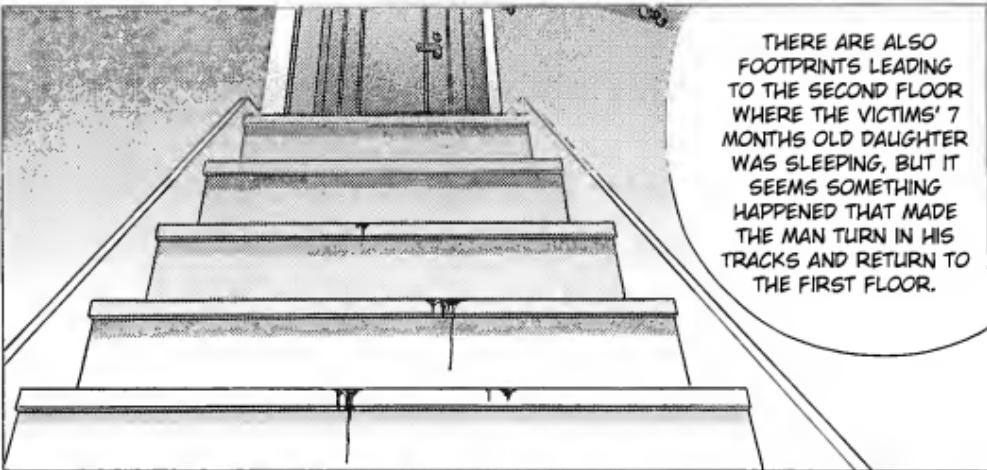


MEANWHILE, AROUND 9:30 TWO CALLS WERE MADE FROM INSPECTOR AOKI TO HIS SISTER, AND BOTH TIMES THEY WERE PICKED UP AND IMMEDIATELY CUT OFF WITHOUT A WORD.

WE CONJECTURE IT WAS DONE BY THE MURDERER AFTER KILLING THE COUPLE IN ORDER TO LURE INSPECTOR AOKI TO THE HOUSE.



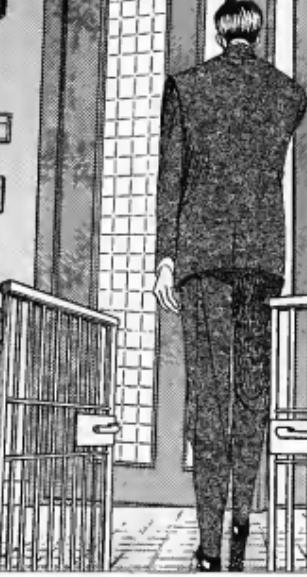
THEN HE TAKES OFF THE RAINCOAT SPLATTERED WITH THE VICTIMS' BLOOD, AND TOSSES IT INTO THE BABY BATH.



THERE ARE ALSO FOOTPRINTS LEADING TO THE SECOND FLOOR WHERE THE VICTIMS' 7 MONTHS OLD DAUGHTER WAS SLEEPING, BUT IT SEEMS SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT MADE THE MAN TURN IN HIS TRACKS AND RETURN TO THE FIRST FLOOR.



HE ESCAPED
THROUGH THE
FRONT DOOR
JUST BEFORE
INSPECTOR AOKI
ARRIVED AT
THE SCENE AT
10:00PM.



AROUND THAT
TIME, AT 9:55PM,
SOMEONE REPORTED
'LOUD NOISES
AND SOUNDS OF
FIGHTING' TO THE
POLICE FROM THE
PUBLIC PHONE
NEARBY.



THE SMALL
TRACES OF
BLOOD FOUND
ON THE PHONE
BOOTH DOOR
MATCH THE
VICTIM'S!



THAT WAS ALSO
A PART OF THE
PLAN TO MAKE THE
POLICE IMMEDIATELY
ARREST INSPECTOR
AOKI!





INTRODUCE
YOURSELF WITH
A FULL NAME
AND RANK,
AND SPEAK!





THE INVESTIGATION
FOCUS FROM NOW
ON WILL BE FINDING
INFORMATION ON THE
'SECOND 6FT TALL MAN,
SHOE SIZE 13' AND POLICE
LEGWORK SUCH AS
GATHERING THE WITNESS'
TESTIMONIES.

NOW THEN!

IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED
THAT THE CURRENT CASE
BEARS RESEMBLANCE IN
BOTH THE CRIME-SCENE
STATE AND MURDER
PATTERN TO ANOTHER
CASE INSPECTOR AOKI
SUPERVISED AT 'THE
NINTH' IN MARCH,
THE 'HOUSEHOLD
MASSACRE CASE'.

-I'LL TAKE
THE SILENCE
AS AN
AGREEMENT.

THERE-
FORE,

WHA
...

THE MRI INVESTIGATION WILL BE USED. ALONG WITH FINDING THE IDENTITY OF THE CULPRIT, THE INVESTIGATION WILL AIM TO ESTABLISH THE MOTIVE AND PURPOSE BEHIND THE CRIME THAT TARGETTED INSPECTOR AOKI'S RELATIVES, AND ITS CONNECTION TO THE 'HOUSEHOLD MASSACRE CASE'!

FROM TODAY ONWARDS, 'THE MARRIAGE SLAUGHTERED IN EBISU CASE' WILL BECOME A JOINT INVESTIGATION BETWEEN THE SHIBUYA WARD POLICE AND THE SCIENTIFIC POLICE RESEARCH CENTER, THE NINTH LABORATORY OF LEGAL MEDICINE.



A joint investigation?



AFTER THE
MEETING WE
SHOULD
INTRODUCE THE
INDIVIDUAL WORK
DIVISION !

THERE
WON'T BE MUCH
CHANGE TO THE
INVESTIGATION
POLICY, BUT DUE
TO THE NEW
ORGANIZATION,

With that
'Ninth'?!





Scientific Police Research Center,
the Ninth Laboratory of Legal Medicine Section Chief

Senior Superintendent
Maki Tsuyoshi

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Scientific Police Research Center,
the Ninth Laboratory of Legal Medicine Section Chief
Senior Superintendent
Maki Tsuyoshi

So
that's—

SIGN. THE MARRIAGE
SLAUGHTERED IN EBISU 3RD
WARD, CASE HEADQUARTER

恵比寿三丁目夫婦惨殺事件
合同捜査本部

Then
...

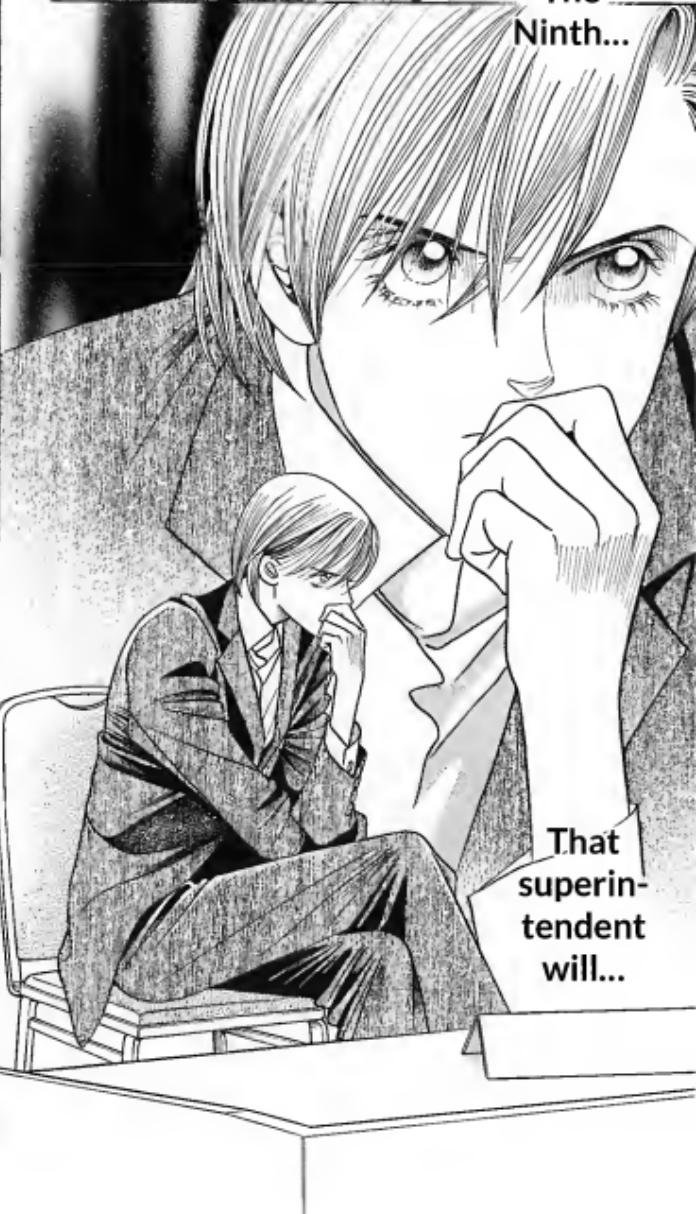
The
Ninth's...

Then
eventually...

They'll watch
the brains
of those
two in the
investigation?



The
Ninth...



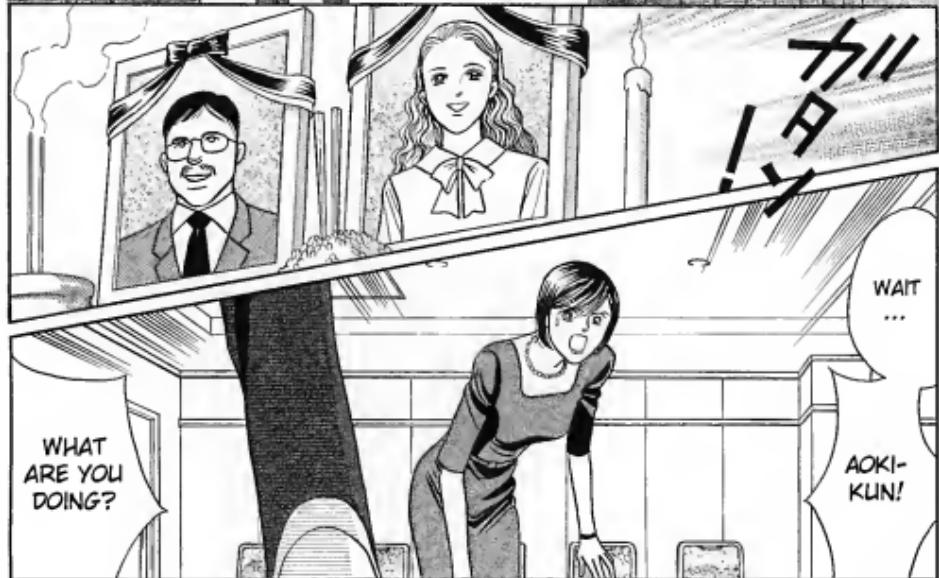
That
superin-
tendent
will...

Still hasn't
gone amiss,
right...?

The world
you're
living in...



Still...



THE
PRAYERS
WILL START
SOON!

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
TO YOUR
SISTER?

WHEN YOUR
MOTHER
RETURNS...

AO...

STOP
IT!

AOKI-
KUN!



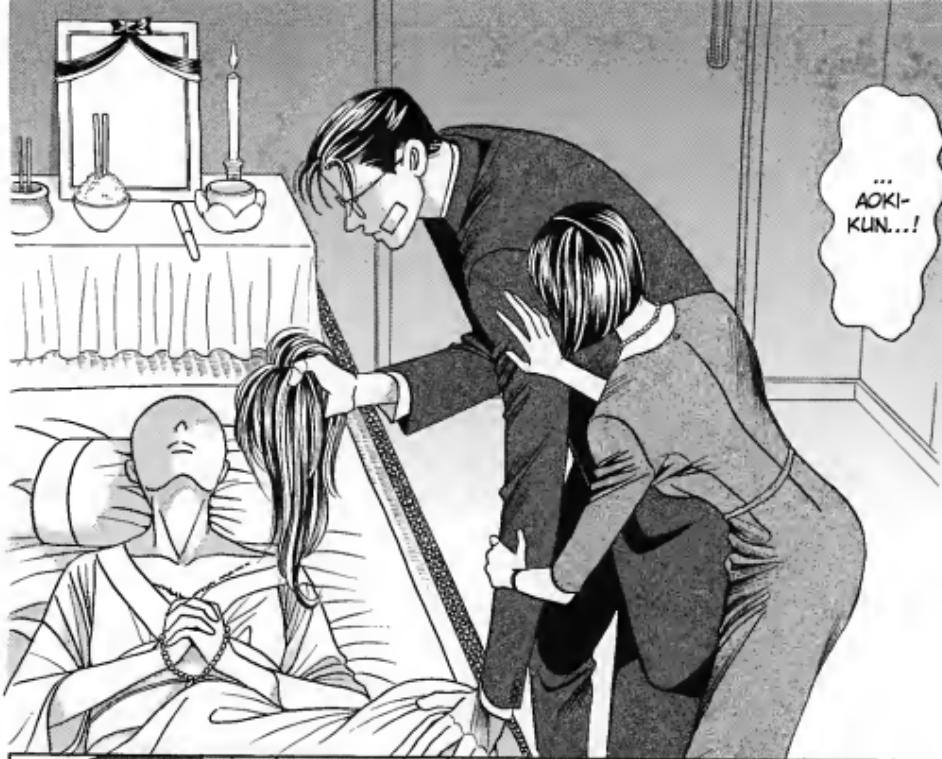
They're concealed with make-up, but there are two stab wounds that easily could have been fatal...

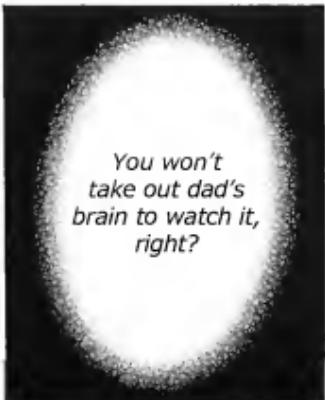
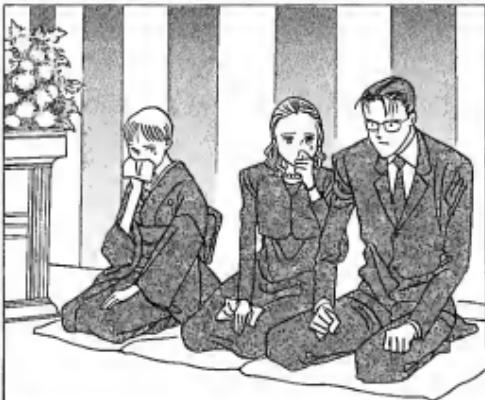
Ooh, so cute!
The size is just perfect too!
Thank you, Yukiko-san!

The 'Y' shaped scar from an autopsy suture...





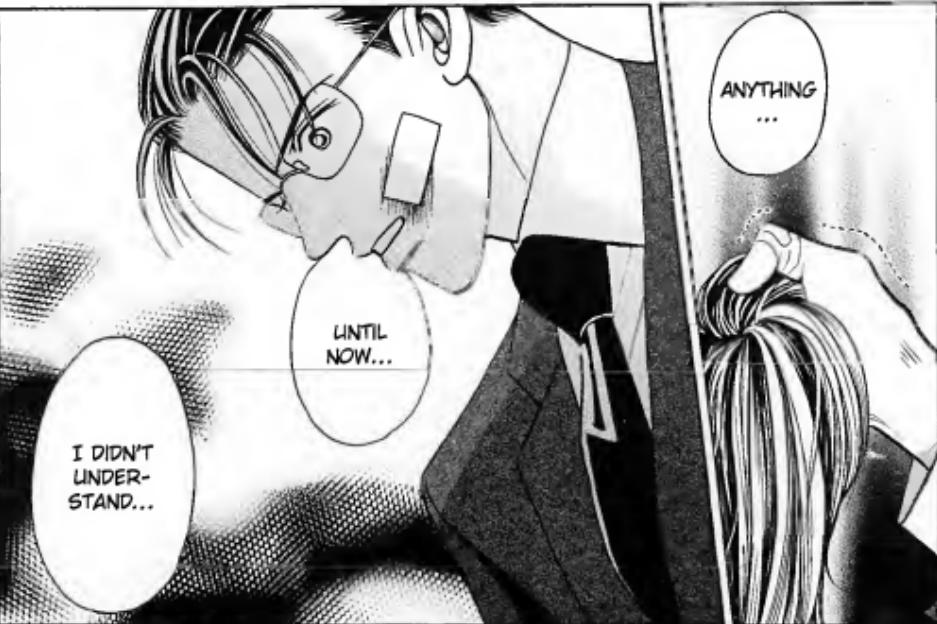




The
corpse
should
appear
as much
unharmed
as possible.







Please
take a
look!

Maki-
san!

AOKI-
KUN!

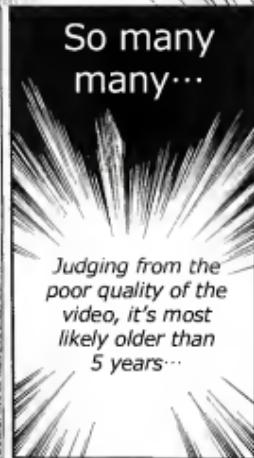
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When
someone
dies,

AOKI-
KUN!

You always
come to take
his brain, huh?

When
someone
dies,



Compared to
what I've done,
what you're
doing now is
far more
dishonorable!

You
trash!

AA...

AA...

S...
SIS...

AOKI-
KUN!

So
many,
many,
many...

S...
SIS...

AA...

SIS...

SIS...



Is it my
fault?

Is it
because
I used
people's
death,
it's sorrow
...

Everything
was taken
out of this
head...

But why
my sister,
why not
me?

Is it my
retribution
for not
considering
their
sacrifice?

AO—

Why my
sister and
brother-in
law, who had
no blame?



It hurts!

It hurts!

It hurts!

Some-
body!

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3月28日



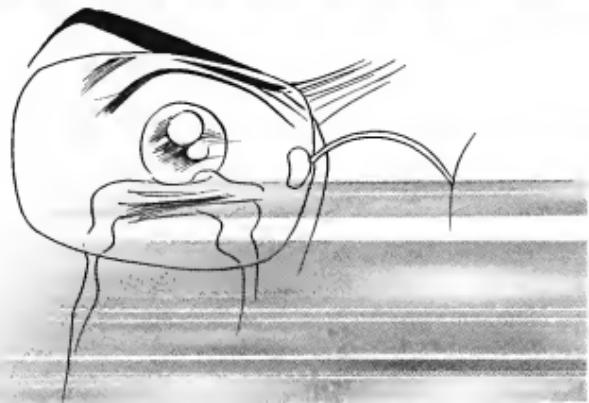
No matter
how many
times I wake
up, I can't
escape from
this world
of MRI!

ST. JUNIOR

SSS



Someone
who's still
sane...







YOU'LL
TAKE AOKI
OFF THE
INVESTI-
GATION,
RIGHT?

YOU HAVE
TO TAKE
HIM OFF
THE
INVESTI-
GATION.

EVEN IF THE
SUSPICION
TOWARDS HIM
HAS CLEARED,
THE VICTIM WAS
HIS SECOND
DEGREE RELATIVE,
SO HE CANNOT
PARTICIPATE IN 'THE
MARRIAGE
SLAUGHTERED IN
EBISU' CASE.

I SEE,
THAT'S
GOOD.
YOU SEEM
SOFT ON
THE AOKI-
GUY, SO
I WAS
WORRIED.

I
KNOW.

IF YOU
BROKE THE
REGULATIONS
, I'D HAVE TO
REPORT THAT
TO THE TOP
BRANCH...

YOU
WOULDN'T
LIKE THAT,
HM?

LIM,

IT SEEMS
OKABE-SAN
AND OTHERS
GOT THERE
FIRST SO
THEY'RE
WAITING.

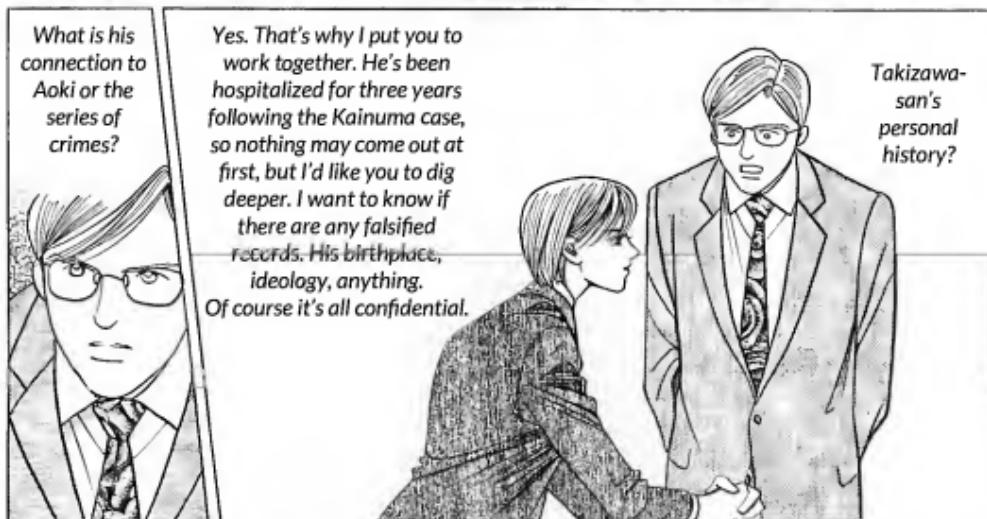
IT'LL TAKE
ABOUT 10
MORE
MINUTES TO
GET TO THE
FUNERAL
VENUE.



What is his
connection to
Aoki or the
series of
crimes?

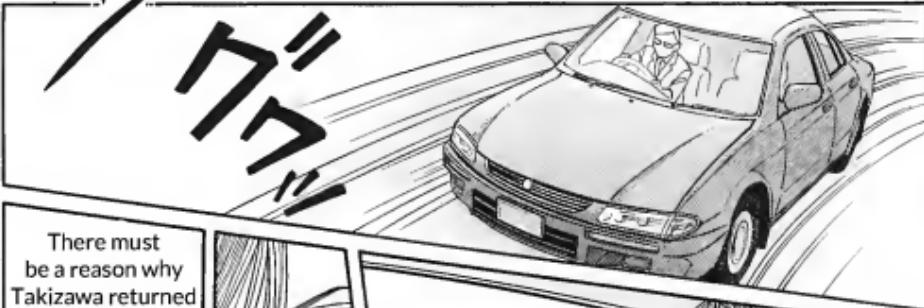
Yes. That's why I put you to
work together. He's been
hospitalized for three years
following the Kainuma case,
so nothing may come out at
first, but I'd like you to dig
deeper. I want to know if
there are any falsified
records. His birthplace,
ideology, anything.
Of course it's all confidential.

Takizawa-
san's
personal
history?





That's
what I'd
like to
know.



There must
be a reason why
Takizawa returned
at this timing.

No, even before...



Now...



What is his connection to Aoki or the series of crimes?

About a personnel change just after the 'Cannibalism' case.

Even four years before when he joined 'the Ninth', there was something unnatural,

If...

If I'm
right...

If it's all
connected...

If...

The plan to
destroy Aoki
by targeting
his family,
is just to...



Then the
criminal's
aim...



The aim of
this series
of crimes...



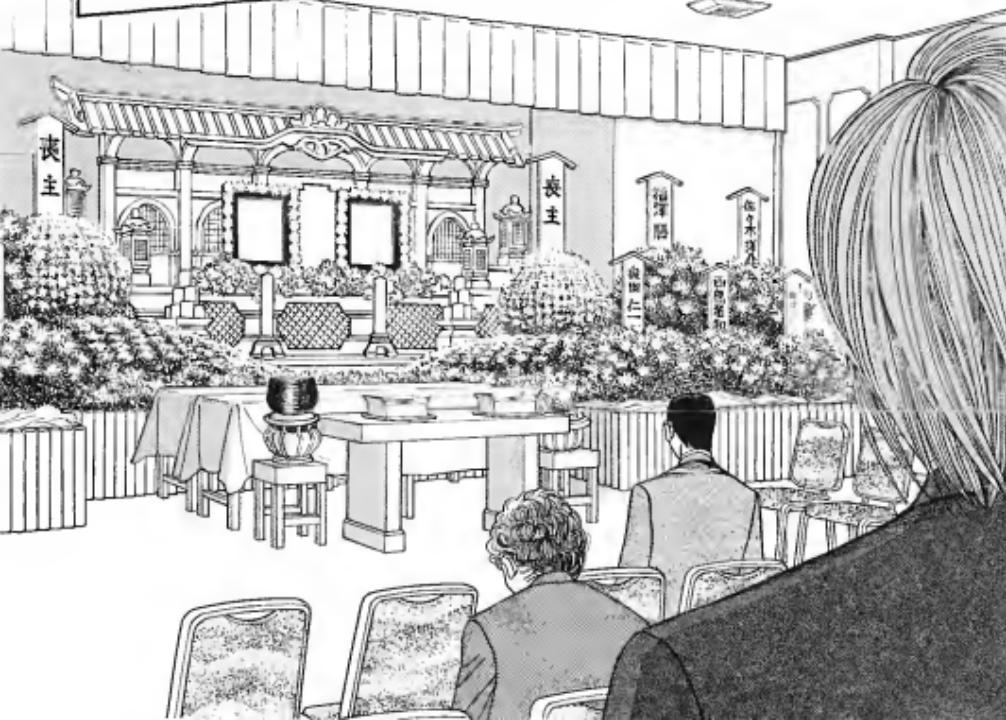
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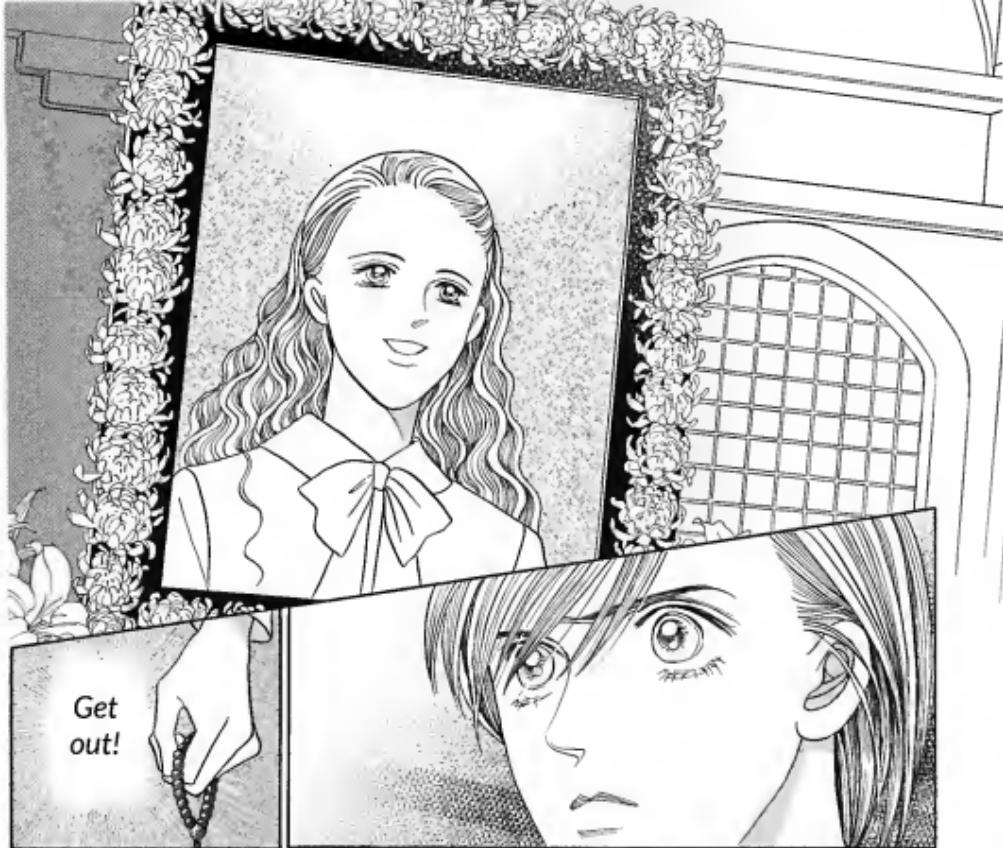




For Maki-san,
funerals are...



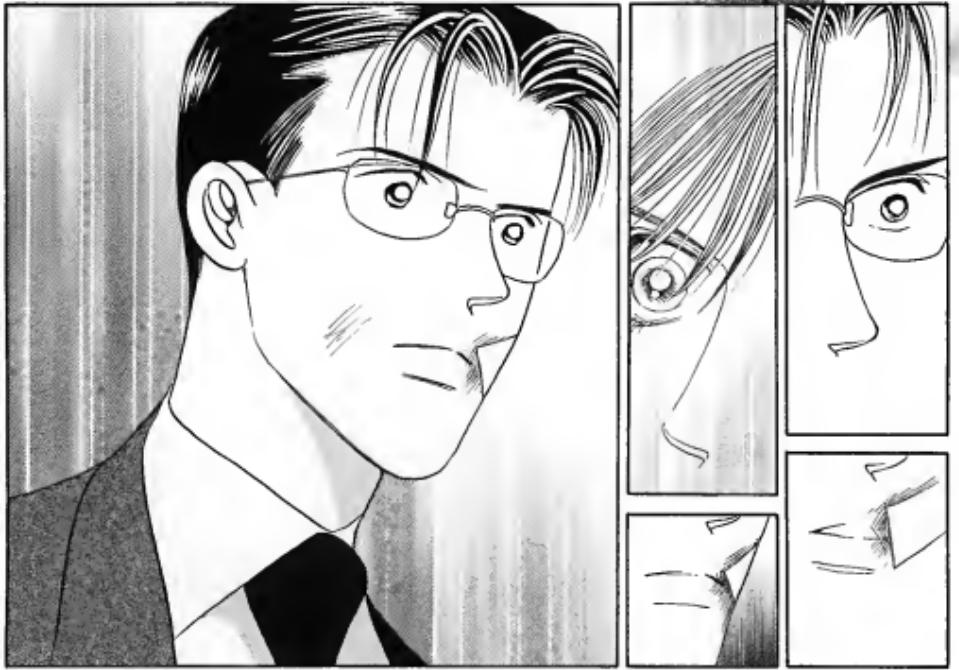
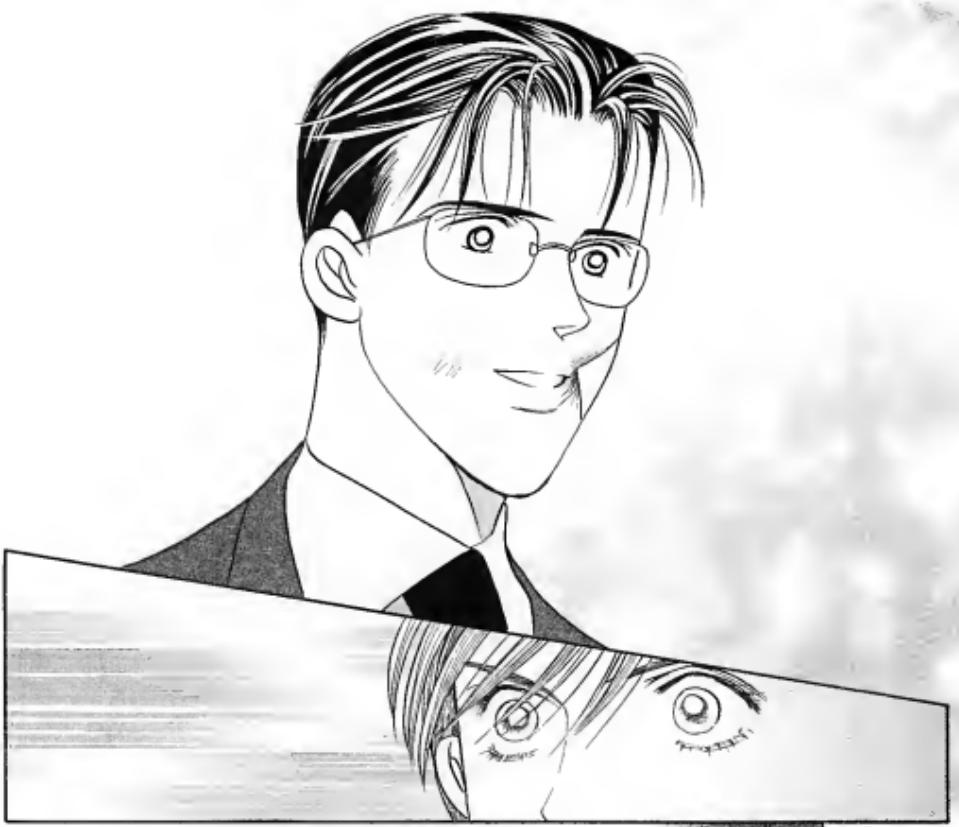




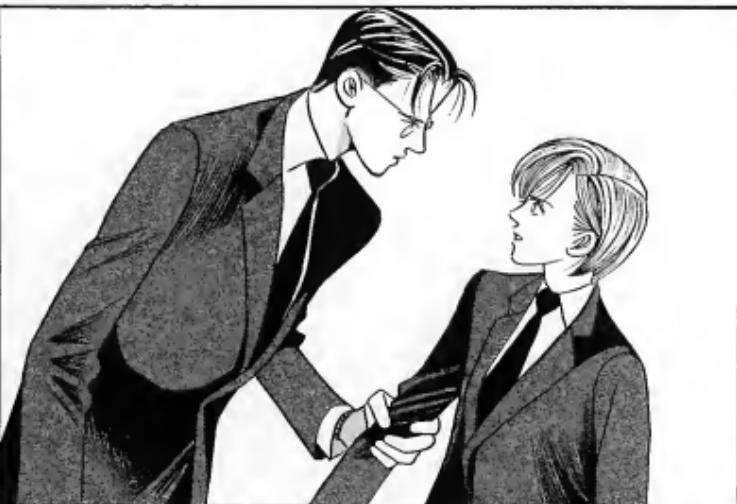
















PLEASE DON'T
TAKE ME OFF
THIS CASE!

NOT
FROM...

THIS
CASE!

I SAW
SISTER'S
BODY,

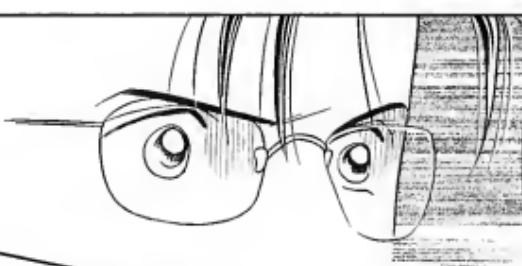
AFTER THE
BRAIN WAS
TAKEN OUT.

I'M FULLY
AWARE OF
THAT BUT
I'M STILL
ASKING
YOU!

I'M AWARE
THAT I'M ASKING
FOR THE IM-
POSSIBLE...

LET ME
IN TO THE
INVESTIGATION
OF HER
MURDERER!

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
WATCH MY
SISTER'S
BRAIN IN
'THE NINTH',



PLEASE...



...I'M
BEGGING
YOU!



...Maki-san
might
faint
there...









It hurt

IT'S
YOUR
FAULT!

THAT
WAKA-
KO
WAS
...

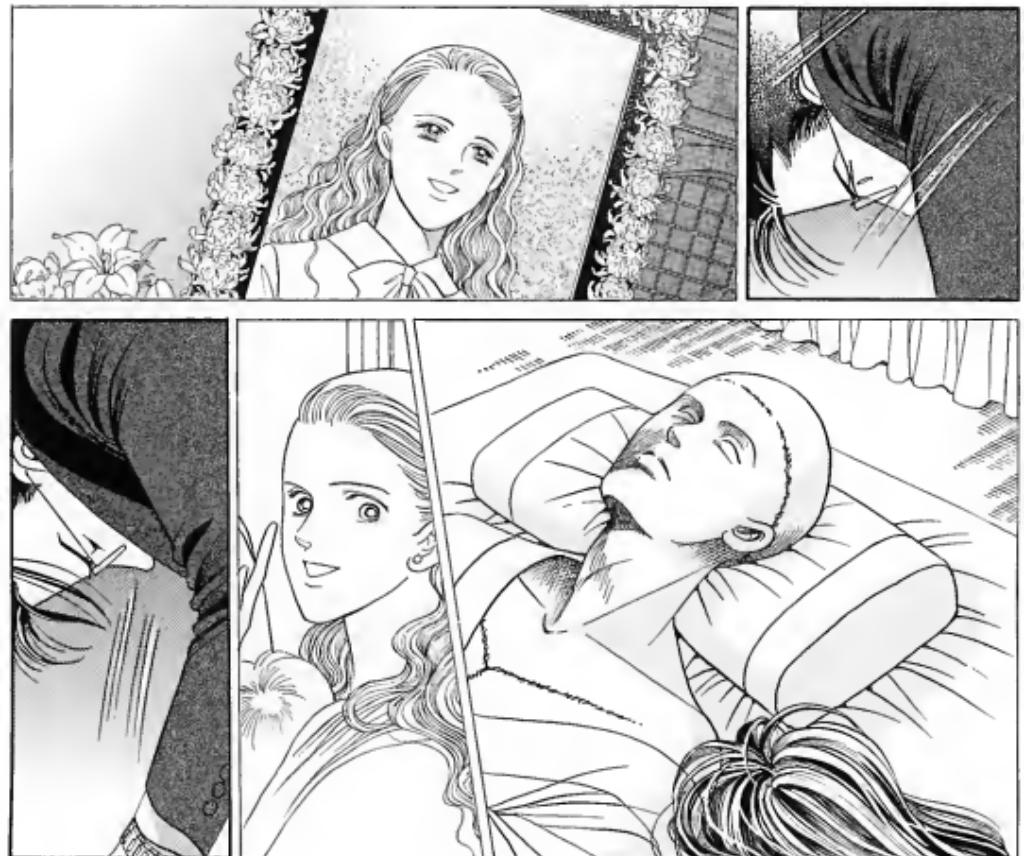
**It hurt,
It hurt!**

No matter
how many
times he
woke up,
to get out
of this
nightmare,

In this
world
gone
mad,



No matter what punishment he were to receive,





Aoki, silently taking his mother's
hard punches,

Didn't care how harsh the reproach,
or that no one understood.

In order to show that his decision could not
be bent,

To show his
strong resolve,
he didn't budge.



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